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### How Well Do You Know Your Numbers?

On the cover of this season's Yearbook, there are seven numbers significant to the 1995 American League Championship Season. Do you know what each number represents?

#### Answers:

**29...** Number of last at-bat victories during the entire season.

**38...** Jose Mesa's consecutive save record.

**50/50...** Albert Belle's 50 HR and 50 2B Major League single season record.

**3,000...** Eddie Murray became the 20th member of the 3,000 hit club on June 30.

**100-44...** Regular season win/loss record.

**9/8/95...** Date the Indians became the first-ever Central Division Champions of the American League.

**2,842,725...** Tribe's all-time regular season attendance record.



# A Dream October



By Jim Ingraham

It was the month nobody in Cleveland wanted to end. It was too delicious to let go. Too exhausting to survive. And too darn much fun to ignore.

It was October, 1995.

The month when the Indians fired missiles of memories into the hearts of their fans. Fans who as they grow older will tell their children and grandchildren what it was like to be there, just as their parents and grandparents told them what it was like in 1954 and 1948.

It was October, 1995. And very few Indians fans had ever been through anything like this before. Ever.

It was like living a dream.

Every day.

Strap your emotions into that big Wahoo Roller Coaster, and hang on! After 40 years of cold and drafty Octobers in Cleveland, this one was warm and



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would be mentally prepared for the post-season. "After we won the division, we still had 20 games left in the season, and our guys went out and played as hard as they had before we clinched. Seeing that set my mind at ease. Plus, this club believes in itself a lot."

One month later, the Indians had proven it. Making its first post-season appearance in 41 years, the Tribe won seven of nine games in eliminating Boston in a three-game sweep in the Division Series, and then outlasting Seattle in a gut-wrenching six-game American League Championship Series.

That earned the Indians a trip to the

World Series, where they lost in six games to the Atlanta Braves.

Overall, the Indians were 9-6 in their 15 post-season games. Every one of those games was like a mini-drama, and almost every player in the Indians lineup at one time or another, played a key role.

"It was exciting to be there," Albert Belle said of the Tribe's first appearance in the World Series since 1954. "You say at the beginning of spring training

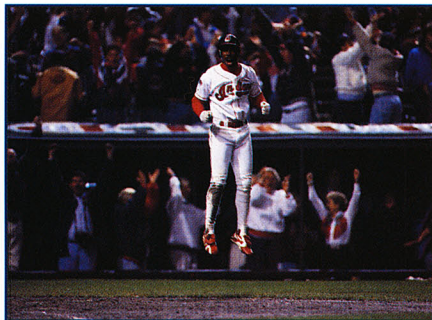


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fuzzy. Finally.

It was October, 1995.

A Dream October.

It began with the end of the regular season, and the Indians put a punctuation mark – a huge exclamation point, really – on their season with a 17-7 mauling of Kansas City on the final day of the season, which was also the first day of October. The win gave the Tribe a final record of 100-44, and an incomprehensible 30-game margin over the second-place Royals, the biggest margin for a division or pennant-winning team in history.

So overwhelming was the Indians runaway in 1995 that there hadn't been a team within 10 games of the first place Tribe since July 2. As the team prepared to face Boston in the newly-created Division Series, which would be played under the always-dangerous best-of-five format, with the last three games to be played in Boston, skeptics wondered how the Indians, who hadn't played an important game in months, would react to the pressure of post-season play.

The bulk of the Tribe's position players had zero post-season experience.

"I wasn't worried," said Manager Mike Hargrove about whether his team

that you're going to go to the World Series – and then you actually go to the World Series."

Indeed, it was a wild ride through the playoff rapids that got the Indians to the Fall Classic, and Kenny Lofton said he tried as best he could to prepare himself for his first World Series experience.

"Before the Series I talked to Bobby Bonilla and Kirby Puckett," Lofton said. "And they both told me that this will be the chance of a lifetime, that I should enjoy it as much as I can because there are a lot of players who go a whole career without getting a chance to play in a World Series."

That wasn't the only advice Bonilla and Puckett gave Lofton.

"They said, 'the World Series – that's when the show starts,'" Lofton says. "I tried to keep my composure and not let the hype get the best of me. I knew it was the World Series and that everyone was watching, but I tried to do everything the same way I did during the season."

During the League Championship Series vs. Seattle, Lofton was the focal point of one of the most electrifying moments in Indians history. It came in Game 6, which the Indians, behind the brilliant pitching of Dennis Martinez, won 4-0, clinching their first American League pennant in 41 years.





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After a heart-stopping 3-2 victory in Game 5 at Jacobs Field – a victory preserved by Paul Assenmacher, who caused mass fibrillation in the standing-room-only crowd by striking out Ken Griffey Jr. and Jay Buhner with runners at first and third, one out, and the Indians clinging to a one-run lead in the seventh inning – the Indians carried a 3-2 lead in the series back to The Kingdom for Game 6.

In order to avoid playing in a do-or-die Game 7 on the road, the Indians faced the challenge of having to beat the nearly-unbeatable Randy Johnson in his home ballpark.

“Given the history of what the Mariners had done the last two months to beat the Angels to get into the playoffs, then to beat the Yankees in the playoffs, we didn’t want to go into a seventh game if we could help it,” Hargrove said.

Game 7 wasn’t needed, however, thanks to the flying feet of Lofton and a heroic pitching performance by Martinez.

Martinez pitched seven scoreless innings and combined with two relievers on a four-hit shutout in what turned out to be a pulsating Tribe victory.

The pivotal play in the game came with the Indians leading 1-0 in the eighth inning. With Ruben Amaro at third and Lofton at second, a pitch from Johnson bounced off catcher Dan Wilson’s glove, rolling toward the Indians dugout.

Amaro scored on the play, and then, in a breathtaking example of his speed, so did Lofton. The Tribe speedster never slowed down coming around third base. TV replays captured perfectly the image of Lofton streaking toward home plate and an unsuspecting Johnson.

“That may be the most dramatic play I’ve ever seen,” Hargrove said. “I remember seeing Amaro score and saying to myself, ‘Good. There’s one run.’ Then I was watching Wilson, and I saw him do a double take. I’m like, ‘What’s going on?’ And before I had a chance to get nervous, Lofton was across the plate.”

Lofton said his bluff turned into a non-bluff.

“I came around the (third base) bag, trying to bluff him, but he never reacted, so I kept going,” Lofton said.

“The impact of that play is what I remember most,” Hargrove said. “You could just see Johnson’s shoulders slump after it happened. That’s when we knew we had him.”

Only a play the magnitude of Lofton’s gallop to glory could overshadow what happened in the early morning hours of October 4 at Jacobs Field, another electric moment from October that will forever stamp Tony Pena’s name into the Tribe’s historical scrapbook.

It was Game 1 of the Division Series vs. Boston, and it began on October 3. The game was nothing short of a classic.

The Indians led 3-2 in the eighth inning, but a home run by Luis Alicea off Julian Tavarez tied the score, and the teams headed into extra innings. In the top of the 11th, Tim Lincecum homered off Jim Poole to give

Boston a 4-3 lead.

But in the bottom of the 11th, Belle slammed a home run off Rick Aguilera to tie it again. Following the home run, Boston Manager Kevin Kennedy asked the umpires to confiscate Belle’s bat. That led to Belle’s now-famous pose in the dugout in which he pointed at his bulging bicep while yelling at the Boston bench.

“I was expecting it,” Belle said. “It was the playoffs and they were looking for some way to get an edge on us. But it backfired on them. The same thing happened to the White Sox. They checked my bat and they went right down the tubes. So maybe we should tell teams to keep checking my bats. Because the more they check them, the better we play.”

Hargrove said the incident lit a fuse under his team.

“It really fired us up. It really got to us,” he said. “Boston thought they had a win after Naehring’s homer. But then Albert hits one off one of the best closers in the game.”

Tied now at 4-4, the two teams played a scoreless 12th inning. The Red Sox failed to score into the top of the 13th. In the bottom of the 13th, Pena came to the plate with two outs and nobody on base.

Facing lefthander Zane Smith, Pena, the ex-Red Sox, worked the count to 3-0.

“I remember thinking, ‘do I give Tony the take sign or let him swing away?’” Hargrove recalled. “I decided to have him take a pitch. I gave the take sign to (third base coach) Jeff Newman, but Tony got it late from Jeff, and it didn’t click.”

So on Smith’s 3-0 pitch, Pena swung.

And ended the game.

Pena lifted a flyball that just made it over the left field wall for a game-winning, game-ending home run. It landed at 2:08 in the morning, and it ended the 5 hour, 1 minute game, which at the time made it the longest post-season game in Major League history – although the Yankees and Mariners would break that record the following night.

Pena’s home run may have been the most important single hit of the month for the Indians. Instead of trailing in the series 1-0, with three of the next four games to be played in Boston, the Indians led 1-0, and they seemed to feed off the energy of Pena’s blow.

In Game 2, Orel Hershiser and three relievers combined on a three-hit shutout as the Indians, behind a home run by Eddie Murray off Erik Hanson, won 4-0.

The series shifted to Boston for Game 3, and the Indians quickly sent the Red Sox home for good with an 8-2 win. Jim Thome’s two-run home run off Tim Wakefield was the big blow in the game, but the Tribe’s biggest weapon was its pitching.

Mo Vaughn and Jose Canseco, Boston’s Nos. 3 and 4 hitters, were a combined 0 for 27 vs. Tribe pitching.

Indians pitchers had a 1.74 ERA in the three games, holding Boston’s hitters



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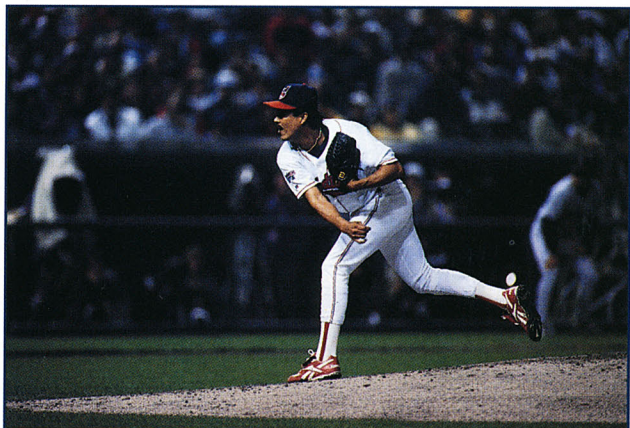


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to a .184 batting average. The three starting pitchers, Dennis Martinez, Hershiser, and Charles Nagy allowed just 12 hits in 20 innings, and had a 1.33 ERA.

The Indians had led the American League in pitching during the regular season, and nothing changed in October. As the games got bigger, the Indians pitching got better.

"We knew they all had the ability to pitch that way," Hargrove said of the Tribe's amazing arms during October. "But it says a lot about guys like Martinez, Hershiser, Nagy, and the rest that they were able to turn it up a notch when it counted most."

Like in Game 2 of the ALCS, after the Indians were, to the surprise of all, handcuffed by unknown rookie Bob Wolcott, who beat the Tribe 3-2 in Game 1 at The Kingdome.

The Indians started Martinez in that game, and the Martinez-Wolcott matchup seemed lopsided in the Indians favor – especially when Wolcott started the game by walking the first three batters he faced in the first inning. The flood gates appeared ready to swing open.

But then a funny thing happened.

Nothing.

Wolcott retired the next three batters in order, without allowing a run – giving the Mariners a huge momentum swing which they rode to a 3-2 victory. "We let him get through three innings without scoring a run, and he seemed to pick up momentum after that," said Indians hitting coach Charlie Manuel of Wolcott.

The loss in Game 1 put even more pressure on the Indians to win Game 2, and Hershiser responded with his best outing of the year.

Simply put, Hershiser refused to let the Indians lose. He tossed eight brilliant innings, holding Seattle to one run on four hits, as the Indians, backed by two home runs by Manny Ramirez, won 5-2.

"In the second half of the season, Orel started to get the strength back in his arm," Hargrove said. "His velocity improved, and once he felt good about his health, that gave him the ability to turn it up a notch. He can get into a zone quicker than any pitcher I've ever seen."

Hershiser, who led all Tribe pitchers with four wins in the post-season, had

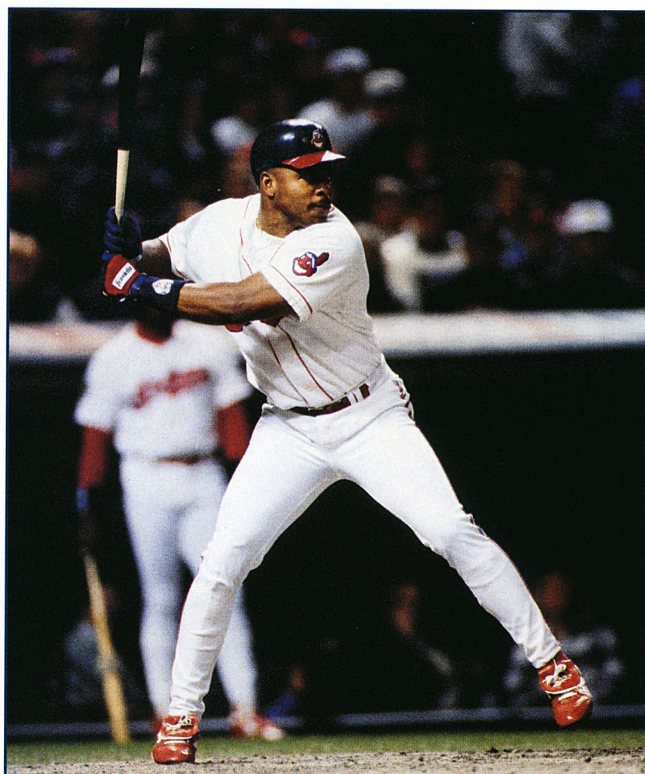


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one of the Indians two wins in the World Series against the Braves. Overall, however, the Braves' pitching was too much for the Tribe hitters, holding them to a .179 average in the six games.

It was a disappointing conclusion to a historic month, but even in defeat the Indians used the World Series as a learning experience that could prove invaluable should they make a return trip this year.

"I think as a team we learned not to take anything for granted," said Lofton of the Indians World Series experience. "The hype was so big we had guys trying to do too much."

Manuel said the hype comes with the territory.

"The big difference in the post-season for guys who have never been there before is that each at-bat gets so scrutinized by everyone, the media, the fans, everyone," Manuel said. "It's like every at-bat is the most important one of your life. Players need to put that out of their minds and try to approach it like a regular season game."

Everyone agreed that there is nothing approaching the intensity of baseball in October, and Thome said it was the intensity level of the World Series that he most remembers.

"Every game is like Opening Day," he said. "I don't know. Looking back on it now, it's all like a blur to me. But I do know it was a great experience I will treasure for the rest of my life."

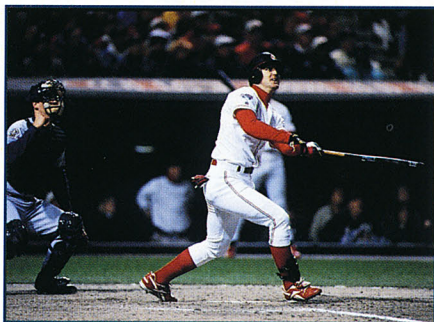


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# My Top 25 Moments of 1995

By Jim Ingraham

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**PULLING THE PLUG ON THE WHITE SOX** – In the first meeting of the season between the two supposed super powers of the Central Division, on May 29 at Jacobs Field, the Indians fell behind 6-0 to the White Sox after five innings. But the Tribe, helped by Dave Winfield's only home run in an Indians uniform, stormed back to score seven runs in their last three at-bats to beat the Sox 7-6. This was the first game of what turned into a four-game Tribe sweep, and the White Sox were never heard from again in 1995.



**INDIANS VS. TWINS MARATHON** – On May 7 at Jacobs Field, the game that wouldn't end finally ended on an RBI single by Kenny Lofton in the bottom of the 17th inning, giving the Indians a 10-9 victory over Minnesota in the longest game in elapsed time (6 hours, 36 minutes) in both teams' histories. During the

game, the two teams went through 132 baseballs, and the 17 pitchers threw a combined 590 pitches.

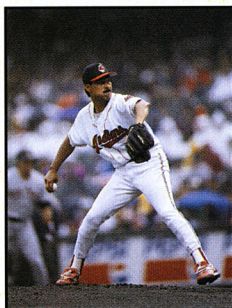
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**INDIANS VS. TIGERS SEESAW** – In another wild one between the Indians and Tigers, this time at Tiger Stadium, Ron Tingley (Ron Tingley?) bashed an opposite-field grand slam home run off Mesa in the bottom of the ninth inning to erase an 8-4 Indians lead. But in the top of the 10th, Omar Vizquel stroked a two-out RBI single to give the Indians a 9-8 lead. Then in the bottom of the 10th, Vizquel and Carlos Baerga combined on an eye-popping 6-4-3 game-ending double play.

**JOSE MESA'S FIRST BLOWN SAVE** – In one of the wilder games of the season on August 25 at Jacobs Field, Jose Mesa gave up a two-out home run to Detroit's Chad Curtis in the bottom of the ninth inning. The homer snapped Mesa's consecutive saves record at 38. Not to worry: In the bottom of the 11th inning, Sandy Alomar ripped a home run over the left field wall off Felipe Lira to give the Tribe a 6-5 victory.

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**DENNIS MARTINEZ'S NEAR-PERFECT GAME** – One of the most dominating pitching performances of the season came on July 5 in a 2-0 victory by the Indians over the Rangers at Jacobs Field. Dennis Martinez retired 18 of the 19 batters he faced before being removed after a second rain delay. The only batter to reach base off Martinez was Rusty Greer on an infield single in the first inning. Making the performance even more incredible was that Martinez sat through a two-hour rain delay after the second inning, then returned to the mound and retired the Rangers 1-2-3 on three ground balls. A 49-minute rain delay after the sixth inning forced Mike Hargrove to remove Martinez, who pitched six nearly-perfect innings.



**ALBERT BELLE'S AUG. 30TH THUNDER** – The day before Belle's home run off Rogers, he hit a solo home run in the 14th inning off Tony Castillo to give the Indians a 4-3 victory over Toronto. Thus, on consecutive days, Belle hit a home run in extra innings to beat the Blue Jays.

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**ALBERT BELLE'S DEJA BOOM!** – On Aug. 31, with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning, Belle blasted a pitch off Toronto's Jimmy Rogers over the left field wall at Jacobs Field for a game-ending home run that gave the Indians a 6-4 victory. Making the home run even more dramatic is it followed this:

**FIRST INNING FLUSH OF THE ROYALS** – Poor Doug Linton. On May 9 at Jacobs Field, the Kansas City pitcher retired Tony Pena on a ground ball for the first out of the first inning. For Linton, there was just one problem: the Indians were already leading 8-0. The Tribe tied a Major League record by scoring eight runs before making their first out of the first inning. The first eight batters in the Indians lineup reached base and scored before Linton finally retired No. 9 hitter Pena. Here's how it went: home run (Lofton), walk, home run (Baerga), single, single, single, walk, walk, home run (Sorrento). The Indians won 10-0.

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**JOSE MESA'S HOUDINI ACT IN TORONTO** – With the Indians leading 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth inning on May 28 at SkyDome, the Blue Jays loaded the bases with one out against Mesa. Ed Sprague, who had struck out in his first four at-bats, was the batter. This time Sprague didn't strike out. Better than that: Mesa got him to rip a grounder to Omar Vizquel, who started a game-ending double play.

**YANKEE STADIUM STUNNER** – This was almost a duplicate of the Fenway Park stunner, except it came in New York. In the first game of a doubleheader on Aug. 10 at Yankee Stadium, the Indians trailed 9-5 in the ninth inning. The Tribe opened the ninth this way: single, single, double, triple, popout, single, double. By the time the inning ended, the Indians had scored five runs and went on to win, 10-9.

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**FENWAY PARK STUNNER** – On May 19 at Fenway Park, the Indians trailed the Red Sox 5-3 heading into the top of the ninth inning. Then came the sledgehammer. Down to their last out of the game, the Indians erupted for six runs to post a 9-5 victory. Ramirez led off the inning with a home run off Ken Ryan, and Belle added a three-run blast off Ryan later in the inning.

**ALBERT BELLE'S THREE -HOME RUN GAME AT CHICAGO** – This came near the end of Belle's incredible late-season home run frenzy. On Sept. 19 at Comiskey Park, one day after hitting two home runs vs. the Sox, Belle erupted for three more, giving him five homers in two days, equaling a Major League record. The third home run gave Belle 44 for the season, breaking Al Rosen's club record of 43, which had stood for 42 years.

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**JOSE MESA'S 37th CONSECUTIVE SAVE** – In an 8-5 win over Milwaukee on August 20 at Jacobs Field, Mesa pitched the ninth inning to record his 37th consecutive save to start the season, breaking Dennis Eckersley's Major League record. At the start of the season, the Indians didn't think they had a bullpen closer. Halfway through it, they knew they had the best.

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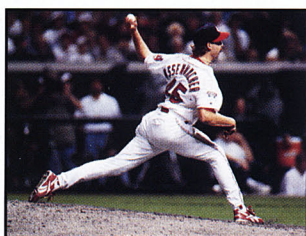




**12** DENNIS MARTINEZ IN GAME 6 OF THE ALCS AT SEATTLE – With the Indians one victory away from a trip to the World Series, Martinez threw the team on his back and pitched one of the great games of his career. In anchoring a 4-0 Tribe win, Martinez pitched seven shutout innings, holding the Mariners to four hits, three of them singles, one of which never left the infield.

**OREL HERSHISER IN GAME 2 OF THE ALCS AT SEATTLE** – The Indians had lost Game 1 to unknown Bob Wolcott, but Hershiser salvaged a split in the first two games in Seattle with one of the great clutch pitching performances in Tribe history. In a 5-2 Tribe victory, Hershiser pitched eight sensational innings, holding the Mariners to one run on four hits, striking out seven. Hershiser retired 20 of the last 24 batters he faced. The only run he allowed came on a home run by Ken Griffey Jr. None of the other 30 batters Hershiser faced made it past second base.

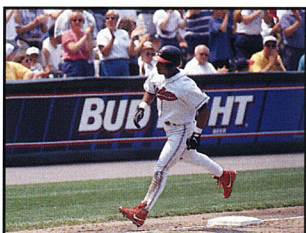
**10** THE INDIANS 100th VICTORY – With a chance to post the ninth-best winning percentage in baseball history and to complete the almost incomprehensible feat of winning 100 of 144 games in a season, the Indians, on the last day of the season, produced a vintage Tribe performance: a 17-7 mugging of Kansas City at Jacobs Field. The Indians scored six runs in the first inning, five in the second, six in the fifth. . . well, you get the picture. The win also made the Indians final winning margin in the Central Division 30 games, a Major League record.



**PAUL ASSENMACHER'S ALCS STRIKEOUT BINGE** – In the top of the seventh inning of Game 5 of the ALCS vs. Seattle at Jacobs Field, the Indians were clinging to a 3-2 lead, when the Mariners put runners at first and third with one out. But in the most spectacular relief outing of the year, Assenmacher marched in from

the bullpen to strike out both Ken Griffey Jr. and Jay Buhner to end the rally and preserve a one-run victory for the Tribe. Had Assenmacher failed, the series would have returned to Seattle with the Mariners leading 3-2 instead of the Indians leading 3-2.

**8** EDDIE MURRAY'S 3000th HIT – Unfortunately, the historic moment came on the road, before a relatively meager crowd of 27,416 on June 30th at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. In the sixth inning, Murray stroked an 0-1 pitch from Mike Trombley into right field to become the 20th player in history to collect 3,000 hits.



**MANNY RAMIREZ'S "WOW!" HOME RUN OFF DENNIS ECKERSLEY** – On July 16 at Jacobs Field, the Indians were trailing the A's 4-3 in the bottom of the 12th inning when Ramirez launched a two-out, two-strike, two-run home run into the left field bleachers. As Ramirez rounded the bases

after making the Tribe a 5-4 winner, a shocked Eckersley walked off the field mouthing the word "Wow!"

**6** PAUL SORRENTO'S HOME RUN VS. TORONTO ON JUNE 4 – Jacobs Field went berserk when Sorrento slammed a pitch from Darren Hall into the right field seats to give the Indians a 9-8 victory. Sorrento's two-run homer, which came with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, capped a miraculous comeback for the Indians, who in the third inning were trailing 8-0 to Cy Young winner David Cone.

**5** ALBERT BELLE'S GRAND SLAM OFF LEE SMITH – In a season filled with dramatic game-ending home runs, this one, on July 18 at Jacobs Field, was the granddaddy of them all. With the Indians trailing the Angels 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Belle sent a pitch from Smith, baseball's all-time saves leader, soaring into the "barbecue pit" in center field for an electrifying game-ending grand slam home run that gave the Tribe a 7-5 win. It doesn't get any more dramatic than that.

**4** ALBERT BELLE'S 50th HOME RUN – The blast came in the sixth inning during a 3-2 Tribe victory over Kansas City at Jacobs Field on Sept. 30th, the second-last game of the regular season. It also capped an astonishing two-month rampage by Belle, who blasted 31 home runs after Aug. 1.



In September he tied Babe Ruth's record for most homers in a month with 17. Belle became just the 12th player in history to hit 50 homers in a year, and the first in history to have 50 homers and 50 doubles in the same year. Oh yeah, the historic home run was hit off Melvin Bunch, who was wearing (what else?) uniform No. 50.

**3** THE DIVISION-CLINCHING VICTORY OVER BALTIMORE – When Jeff Huson's popup settled into Jim Thome's glove at 11:02 p.m. on Sept. 8, the Indians had clinched the Central Division title, the club's first championship in 41 years. It was the fastest (123 games) clinching in baseball history, and it was followed by an emotional on-field ceremony in which Indians players helped hoist a division pennant atop the Jacobs Field scoreboard.

**2** TONY PENA'S HOME RUN AT 2 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING IN GAME 1 OF THE DIVISION SERIES VS. BOSTON – Pena's stunning game-winning home run off Zane Smith with two outs in the bottom of the 13th inning, at 2:08 a.m., gave the Indians a 5-4 win over the Red Sox at Jacobs Field. A loss



in this game could have been catastrophic for the Indians. It would have given the Red Sox no worse than a split of the two games at Jacobs Field, with the final three games of the best-of-five series to be played in Boston. Instead, sparked by Pena's homer, the Tribe went on to sweep the Sox.

**1** KENNY LOFTON'S MAD DASH IN GAME 6 OF THE ALCS AT SEATTLE – Leading 1-0 in the 8th inning, the Indians had Ruben Amaro at third base and Lofton at second when Mariners catcher Dan Wilson's passed ball allowed both runners to score, Lofton streaking around third and sliding in safely past a surprised Randy Johnson. The play gave the Indians a 3-0 lead, and it was at that moment, despite playing in the hostile Kingdome and facing the nearly-unbeatable Johnson, that it became clear the Indians were going to win the game, and with it the American League pennant, meaning they were going to the World Series for the first time in 41 years.



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Manager



# Mike Hargrove

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Height: 6'0"      Age: 46  
 Weight: 215      Born: October 26, 1949  
 Bats: L      Perryton, TX  
 Throws: L      Resides: Strongsville, OH

Year	Club / League	Position	W/L
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Major League Totals		Cleveland / American	350-316

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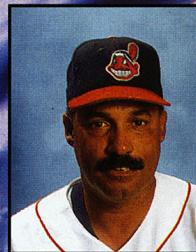


Third Base/  
Infield Coach

Bullpen Coach



Toby  
**Harrah**



Luis  
**Isaac**

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Height: 6'0"  
Weight: 180  
Bats: R  
Throws: R  
Age: 47  
Born October 26, 1948  
Sissonville, WV  
Resides: Ft. Worth, TX

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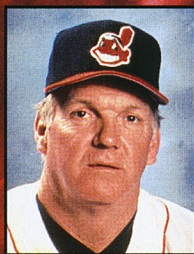
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Weight: 195  
Bats: R  
Throws: R  
Age: 49  
Born July 19, 1946  
Rio Piedres, PR  
Resides: Carolina, PR

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Hitting Instructor

First Base Coach

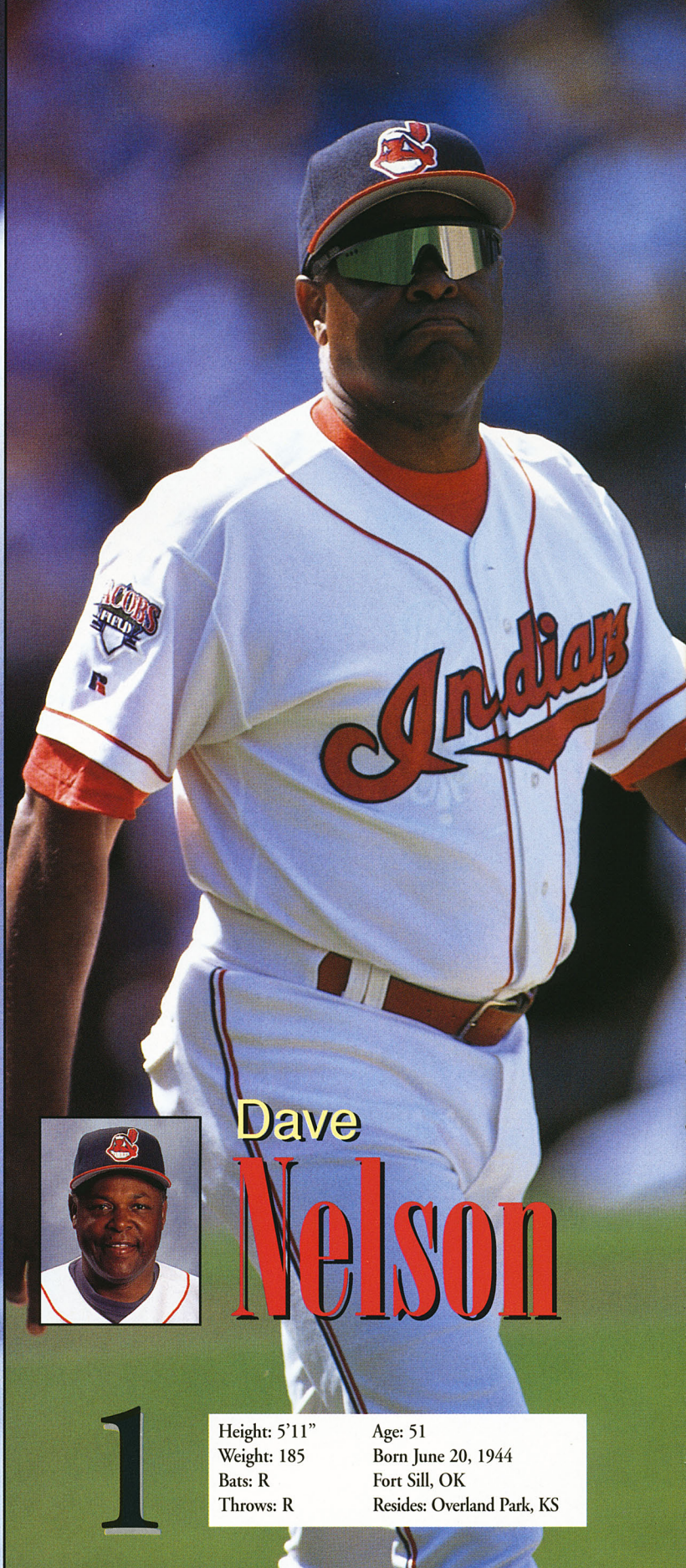


Charlie

**Manuel**

42

Height: 6'4"	Age: 52
Weight: 210	Born January 4, 1944
Bats: L	North Fork, WV
Throws: R	Resides: Winter Haven, FL



Dave

**Nelson**

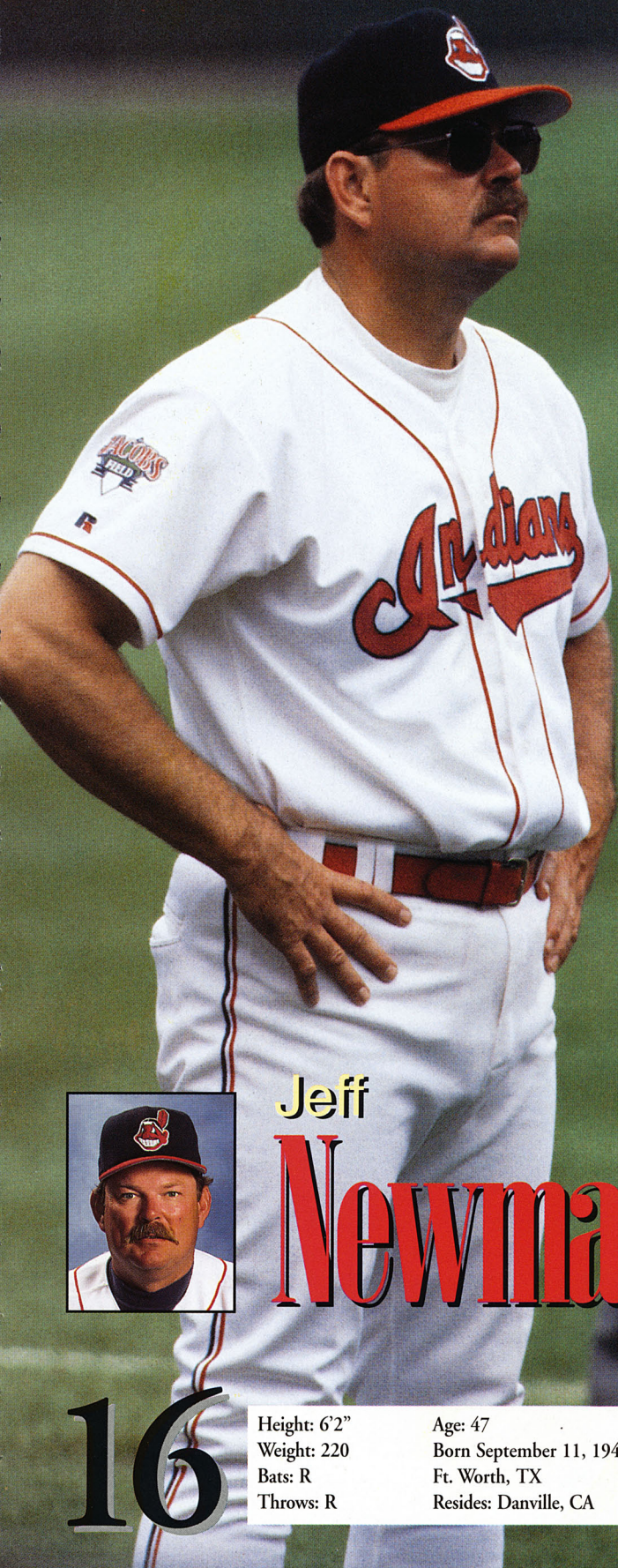
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Height: 5'11"	Age: 51
Weight: 185	Born June 20, 1944
Bats: R	Fort Sill, OK
Throws: R	Resides: Overland Park, KS



# Bench Coach

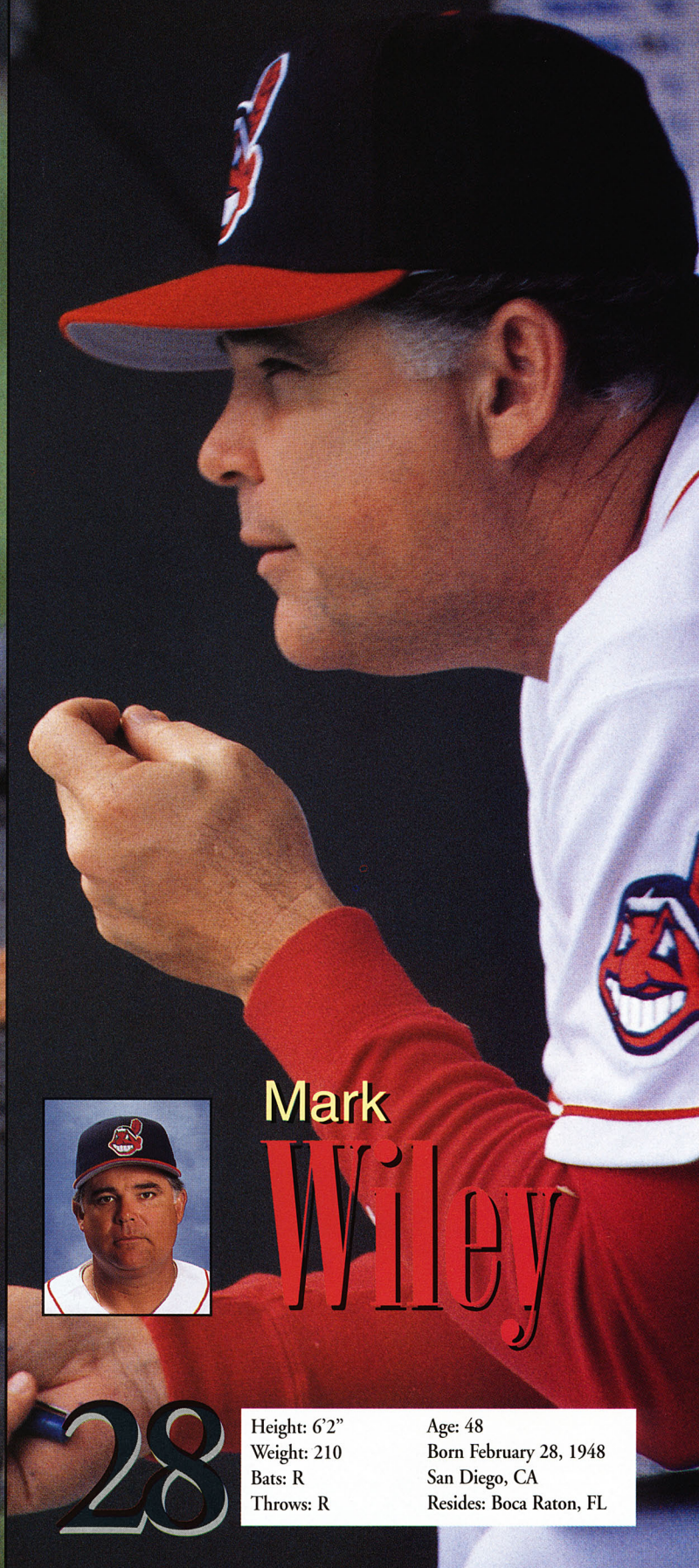
# Pitching Coach



Jeff  
**Newman**

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Height: 6'2"	Age: 47
Weight: 220	Born September 11, 1948
Bats: R	Ft. Worth, TX
Throws: R	Resides: Danville, CA



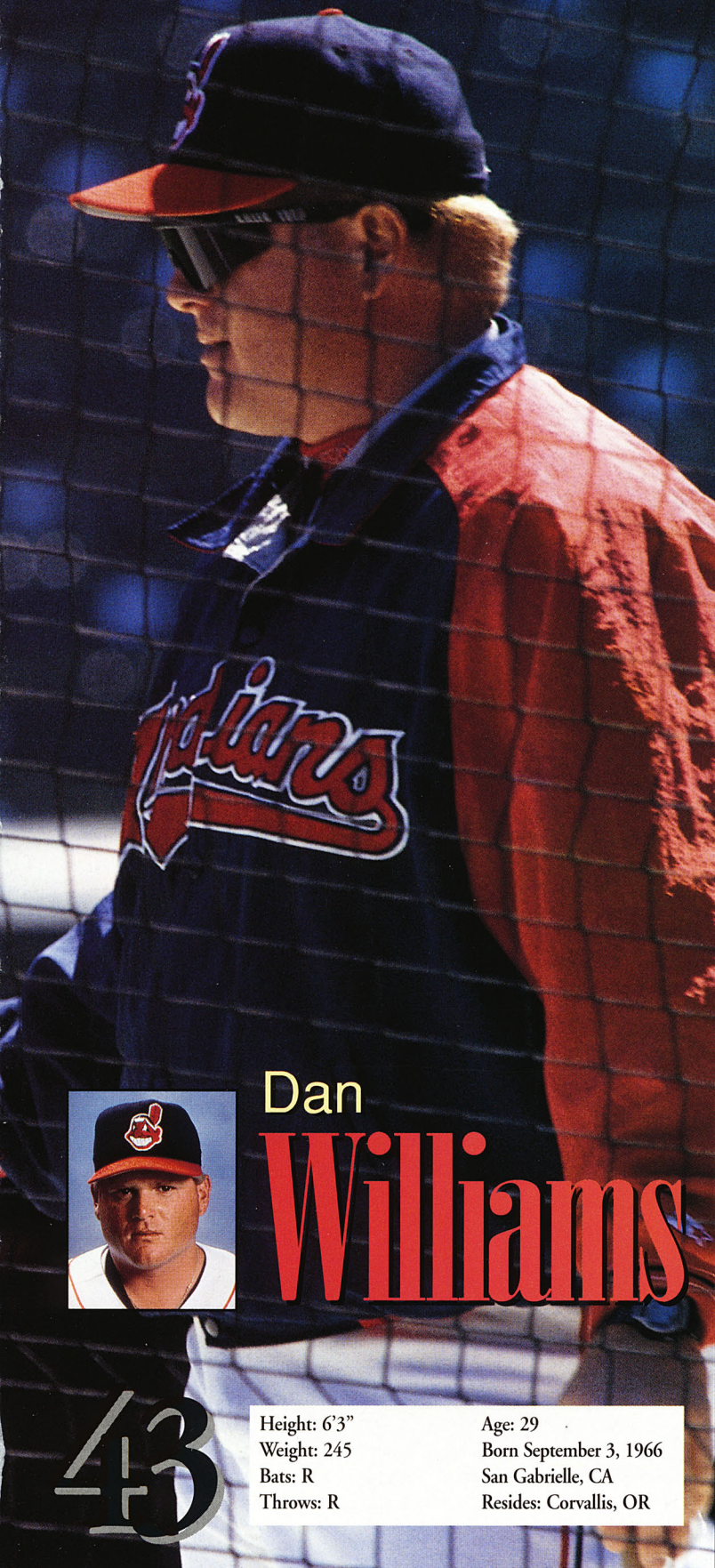
Mark  
**Wiley**

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Height: 6'2"	Age: 48
Weight: 210	Born February 28, 1948
Bats: R	San Diego, CA
Throws: R	Resides: Boca Raton, FL



Working Coach/  
Bullpen Catcher



Dan  
**Williams**

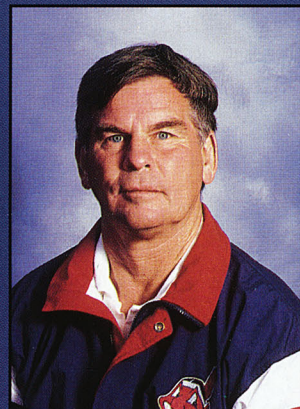
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Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 245  
Bats: R  
Throws: R

Age: 29  
Born September 3, 1966  
San Gabrielle, CA  
Resides: Corvallis, OR

Head Trainer

Jim  
**Warfield**



Assistant Trainer

Paul  
**Spicuzza**



Strength and  
Conditioning Coach

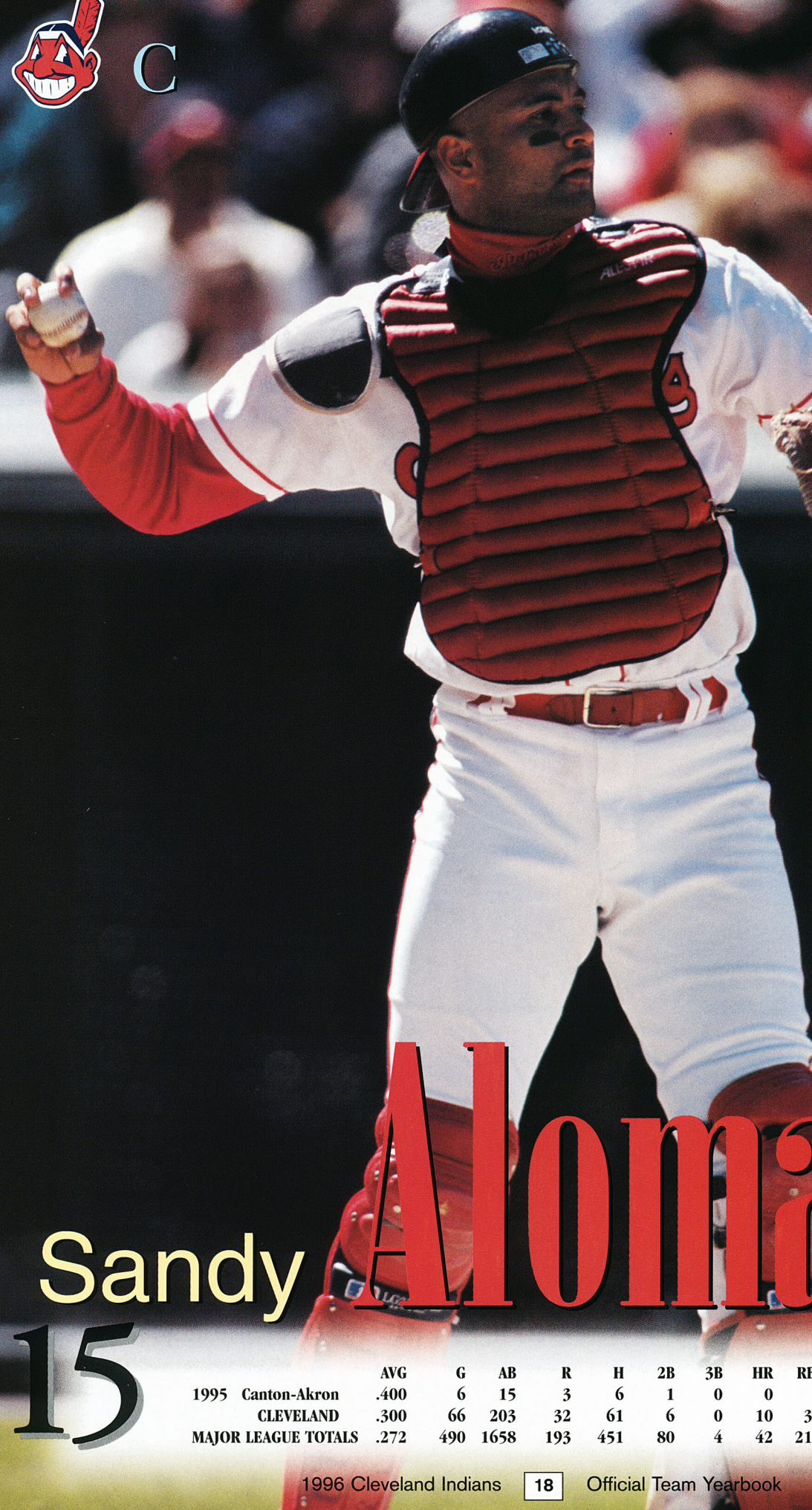
Fernando  
**Montes**







C

*Indians*<sup>TM</sup>

HEIGHT: 6'5"  
 WEIGHT: 215  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 29  
 BORN: June 18, 1966  
 Salinas, PR  
 RESIDES: Westlake, OH  
 ACQUIRED: December 6, 1989  
 along with Chris James and Carlos  
 Baerga from the San Diego Padres,  
 in exchange for Joe Carter.



# Sandy Alomar

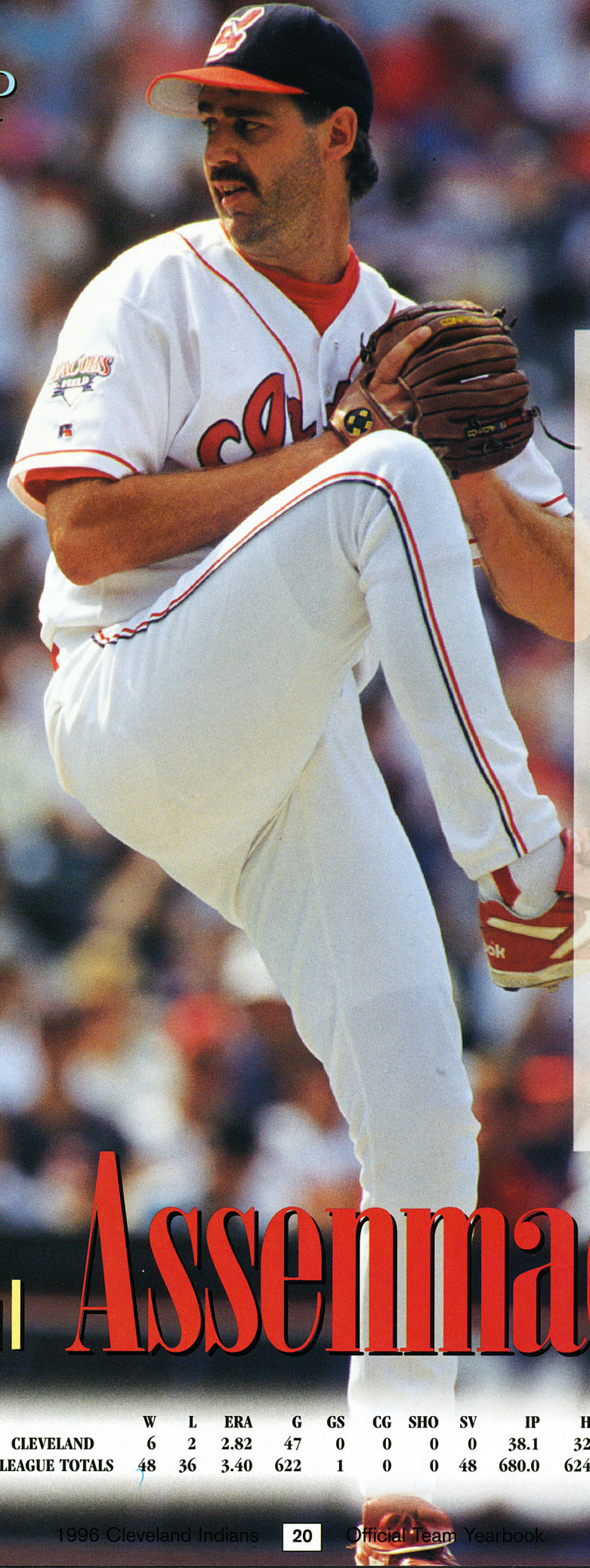
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		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	Canton-Akron	.400	6	15	3	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
	CLEVELAND	.300	66	203	32	61	6	0	10	35	7	26	3
	MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	.272	490	1658	193	451	80	4	42	215	92	191	21





LHP



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HEIGHT: 6'3"

WEIGHT: 210

BATS: Left

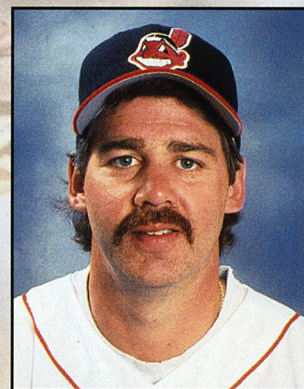
THROWS: Left

AGE: 35

BORN: December 10, 1960  
Allen Park, MI

RESIDES: Stone Mountain, GA

ACQUIRED: April 10, 1995;  
signed to a free agent ML contract by  
Cleveland on November 2, 1995.



Paul

Asenmacher

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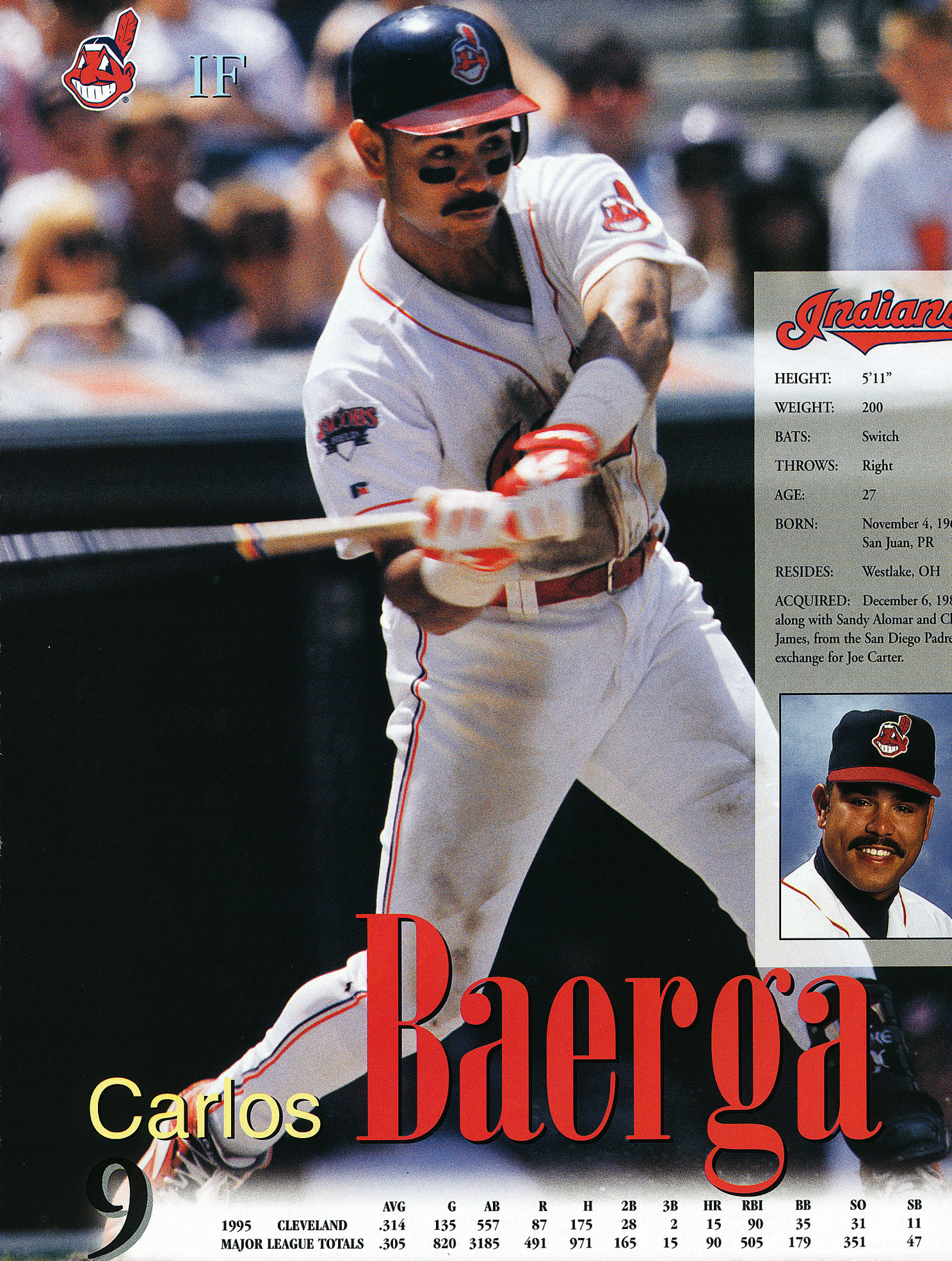
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1995 CLEVELAND	6	2	2.82	47	0	0	0	0	38.1	32	13	12	12	40
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	48	36	3.40	622	1	0	0	48	680.0	624	282	257	250	638

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





IF



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HEIGHT: 5'11"  
WEIGHT: 200  
BATS: Switch  
THROWS: Right  
AGE: 27  
BORN: November 4, 1968  
San Juan, PR  
RESIDES: Westlake, OH  
ACQUIRED: December 6, 1989  
along with Sandy Alomar and Chris  
James, from the San Diego Padres, in  
exchange for Joe Carter.



# Carlos Baerga

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.314	135	557	87	175	28	2	15	90	35	31	11
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.305	820	3185	491	971	165	15	90	505	179	351	47

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdzon





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HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 210

BATS: Right

THROWS: Right

AGE: 29

BORN: August 25, 1966  
Shreveport, LA

RESIDES: Euclid, OH

ACQUIRED: Selected by Cleveland  
in the second round of the 1987 June  
draft.



Albert

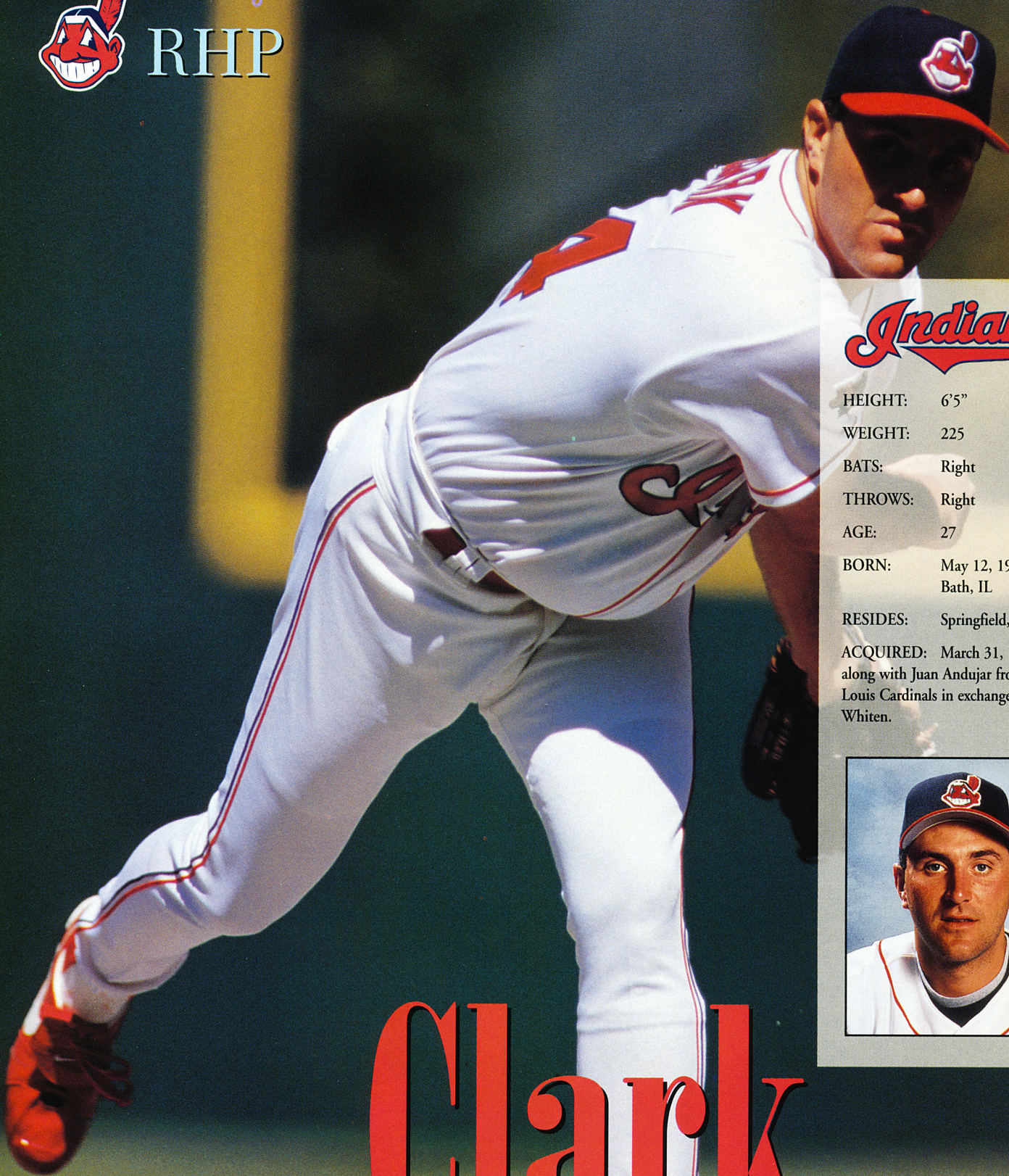
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Belle

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.317	143	546	121	173	52	1	50	126	73	80	5
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.291	755	2839	468	827	185	13	194	603	297	535	50

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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HEIGHT: 6'5"  
 WEIGHT: 225  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 27  
 BORN: May 12, 1968  
 Bath, IL  
 RESIDES: Springfield, IL  
 ACQUIRED: March 31, 1993  
 along with Juan Andujar from the St.  
 Louis Cardinals in exchange for Mark  
 Whiten.



# Mark Clark

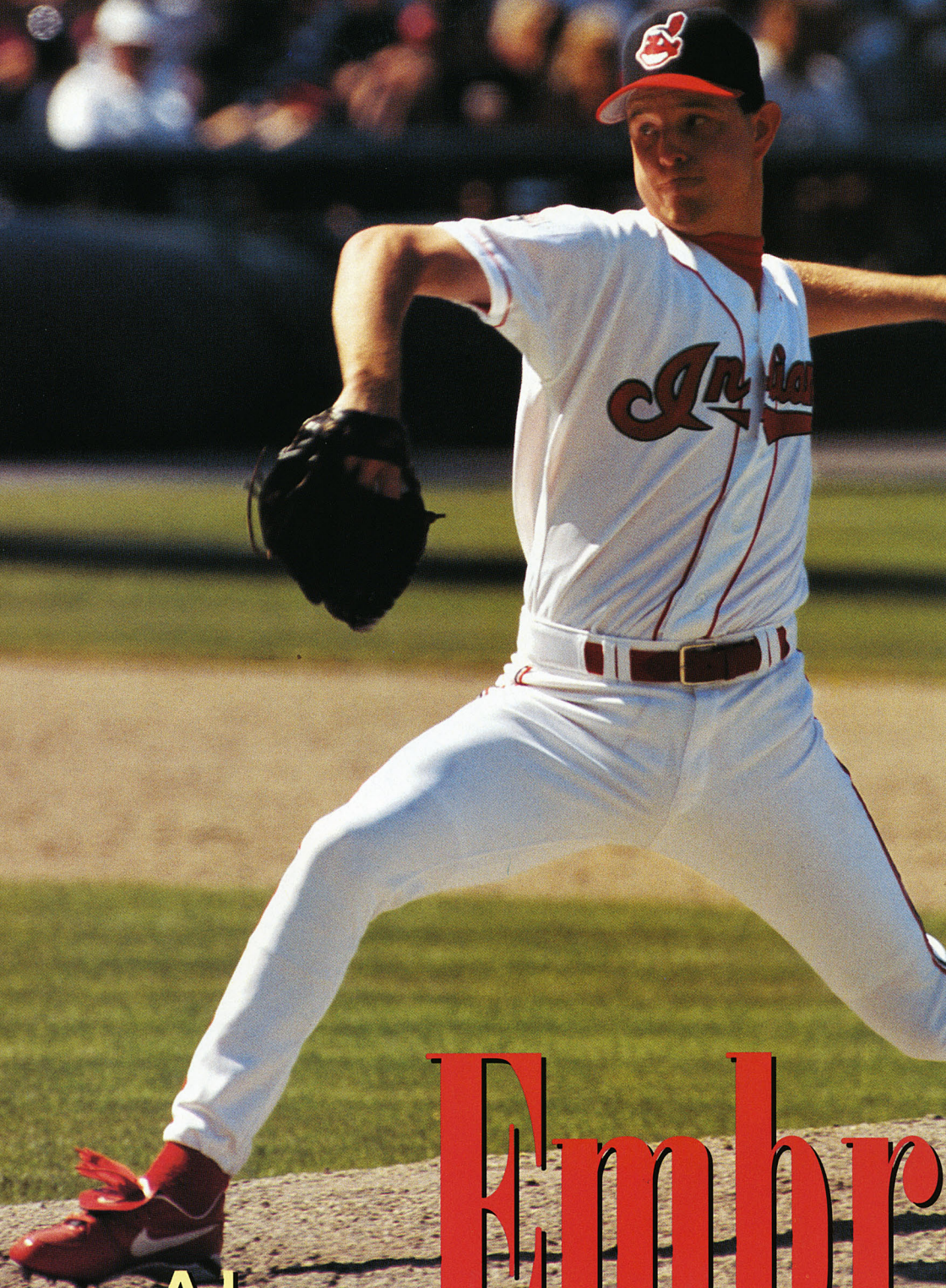
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		W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	CLEVELAND	9	7	5.27	22	21	2	0	0	124.2	143	77	73	42	68
	Buffalo	4	0	3.57	5	5	0	0	0	35.1	39	14	14	10	17
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		31	26	4.43	95	78	8	2	0	497.1	529	262	245	154	242





LHP



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HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 190

BATS: Left

THROWS: Left

AGE: 26

BORN: January 23, 1970  
Vancouver, WA

RESIDES: North Olmsted, OH

ACQUIRED: Selected by Cleveland  
in the fifth round of the 1989 June  
draft.



# Embree

Alan

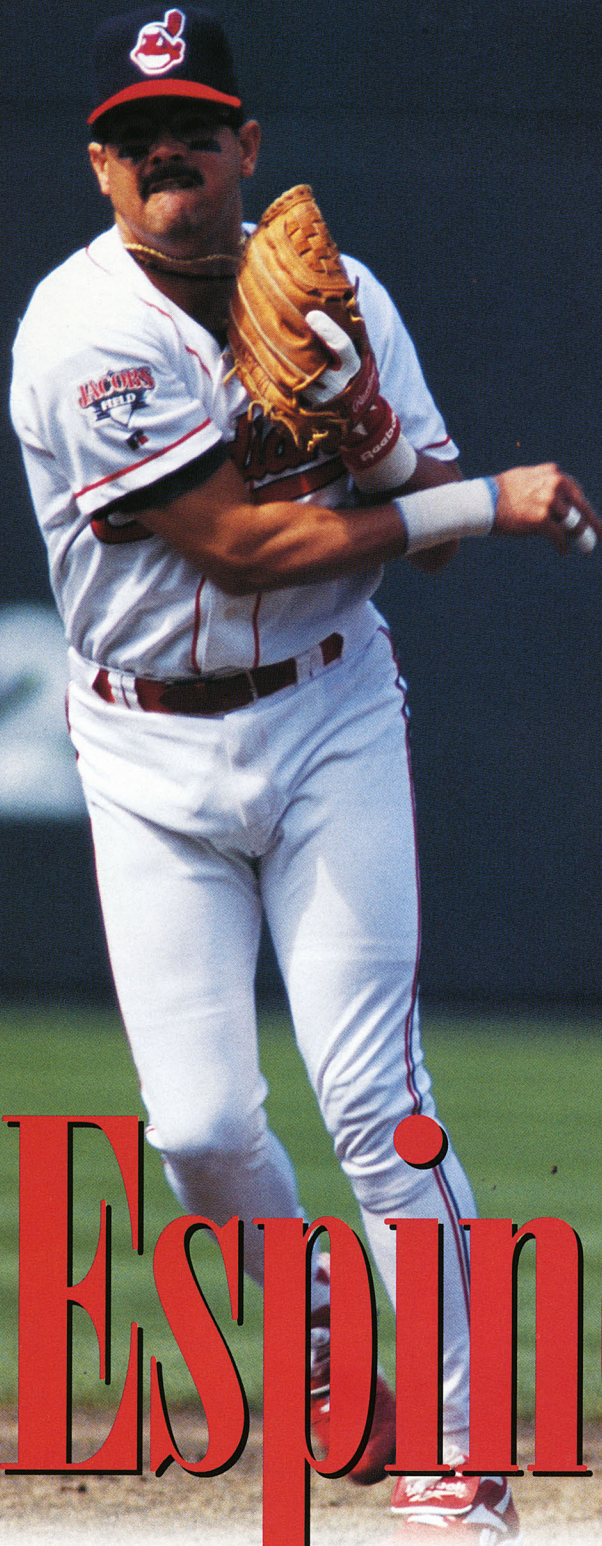
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		W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	Buffalo	3	4	0.89	30	0	0	0	5	40.2	31	10	4	19	56
	CLEVELAND	3	2	5.11	23	0	0	0	1	24.2	23	16	14	16	23
	MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	3	4	5.91	27	4	0	0	1	42.2	42	30	28	24	35



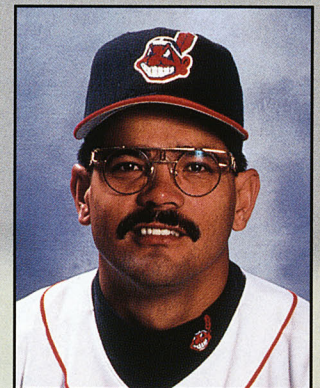


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HEIGHT: 6'0"  
 WEIGHT: 190  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 34  
 BORN: February 19, 1962  
 Valencia, Venezuela  
 RESIDES: Valencia, Venezuela  
 ACQUIRED: March 31, 1992;  
 signed by Cleveland as a free agent.



Alvaro  
 10

# Espinoza

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.252	66	143	15	36	4	0	2	17	2	16	0
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.255	802	2160	218	551	93	5	14	167	64	275	11

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





RHP

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HEIGHT: 6'3"  
 WEIGHT: 195  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 37  
 BORN: September 16, 1958  
 Buffalo, NY  
 RESIDES: Winter Park, FL

ACQUIRED: April 8, 1995; signed to a one-year free agent ML contract by Cleveland with a club option for the '96 season.



# Orel Hershiser

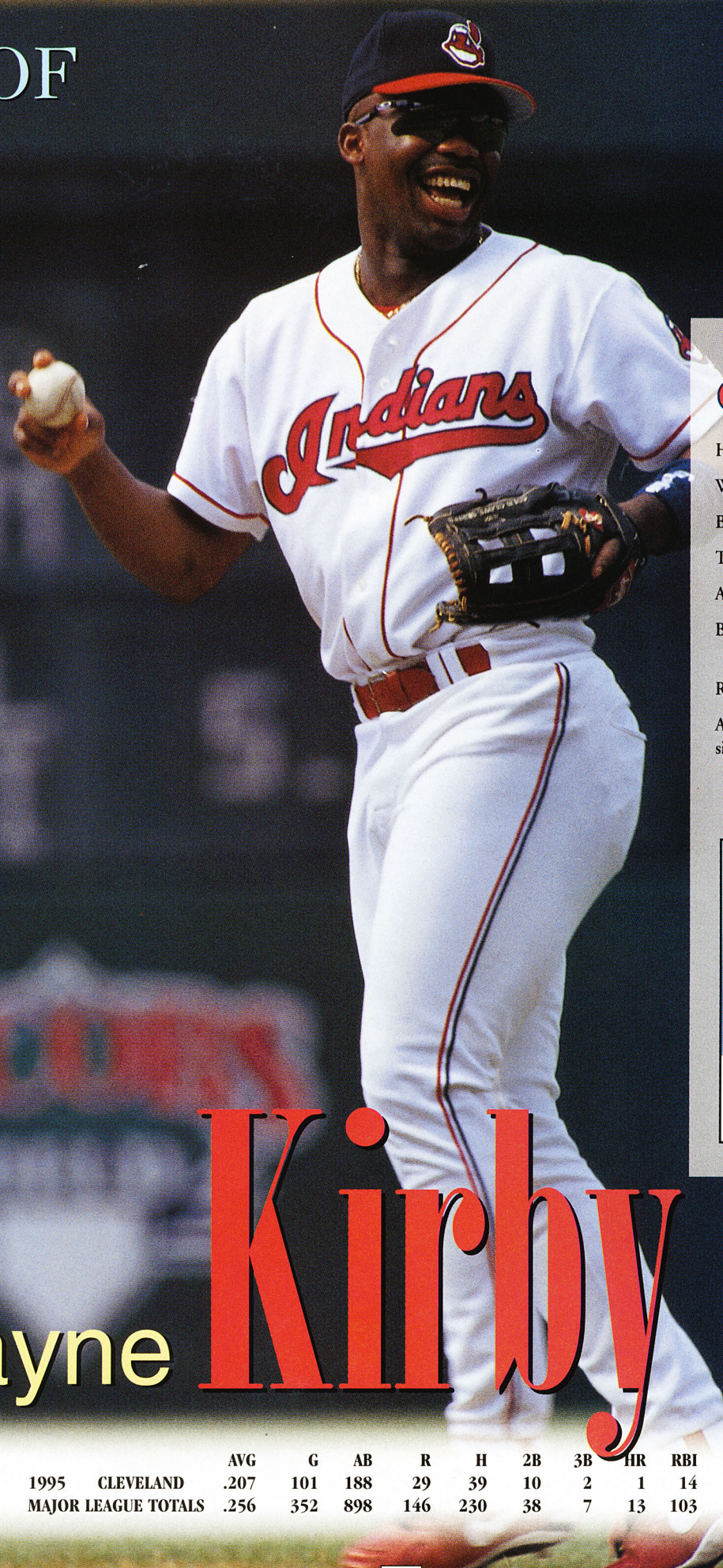
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		W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	CLEVELAND	16	6	3.87	26	26	1	1	0	167.1	151	76	72	51	111
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		150	108	3.06	369	329	66	25	5	2323.1	2085	913	791	704	1554





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HEIGHT: 5'10"  
WEIGHT: 190  
BATS: Left  
THROWS: Right  
AGE: 32  
BORN: January 22, 1964  
Williamsburg, VA  
RESIDES: Las Vegas, NV  
ACQUIRED: December 13, 1991;  
signed as a free agent by the Indians.



# Wayne Kirby

## 35

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.207	101	188	29	39	10	2	1	14	13	32	10
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.256	352	898	146	230	38	7	13	103	68	128	39

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 180

BATS: Left

THROWS: Left

AGE: 28

BORN: May 31, 1967  
East Chicago, IN

RESIDES: Tucson, AZ

ACQUIRED: December 10, 1991;  
along with Dave Rohde from the  
Houston Astros in exchange for Willie  
Blair and Eddie Taubensee.



Kenny

7

Lofton

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.310	118	481	93	149	22	13	7	53	40	49	54
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.312	546	2159	419	673	98	38	25	194	246	261	252

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





HEIGHT: 6'1"  
WEIGHT: 180  
BATS: Right  
THROWS: Right  
AGE: 40  
BORN: May 14, 1955  
Granada, Nicaragua  
RESIDES: Miami, FL  
ACQUIRED: December 2, 1993;  
signed by Cleveland as a free agent.



Dennis

32

Martinez

		W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	CLEVELAND	12	5	3.08	28	28	3	2	0	187.0	174	71	64	46	99
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		231	176	3.60	610	518	120	28	6	3748.0	3601	1673	1500	1080	2022

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdzon





RHP



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HEIGHT: 6'3"

WEIGHT: 225

BATS: Right

THROWS: Right

AGE: 29

BORN: May 22, 1966  
Azua, Dominican  
Republic

RESIDES: Westlake, OH

ACQUIRED: July 14, 1992; from  
the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for  
Kyle Washington.



Jose **Mesa**  
49

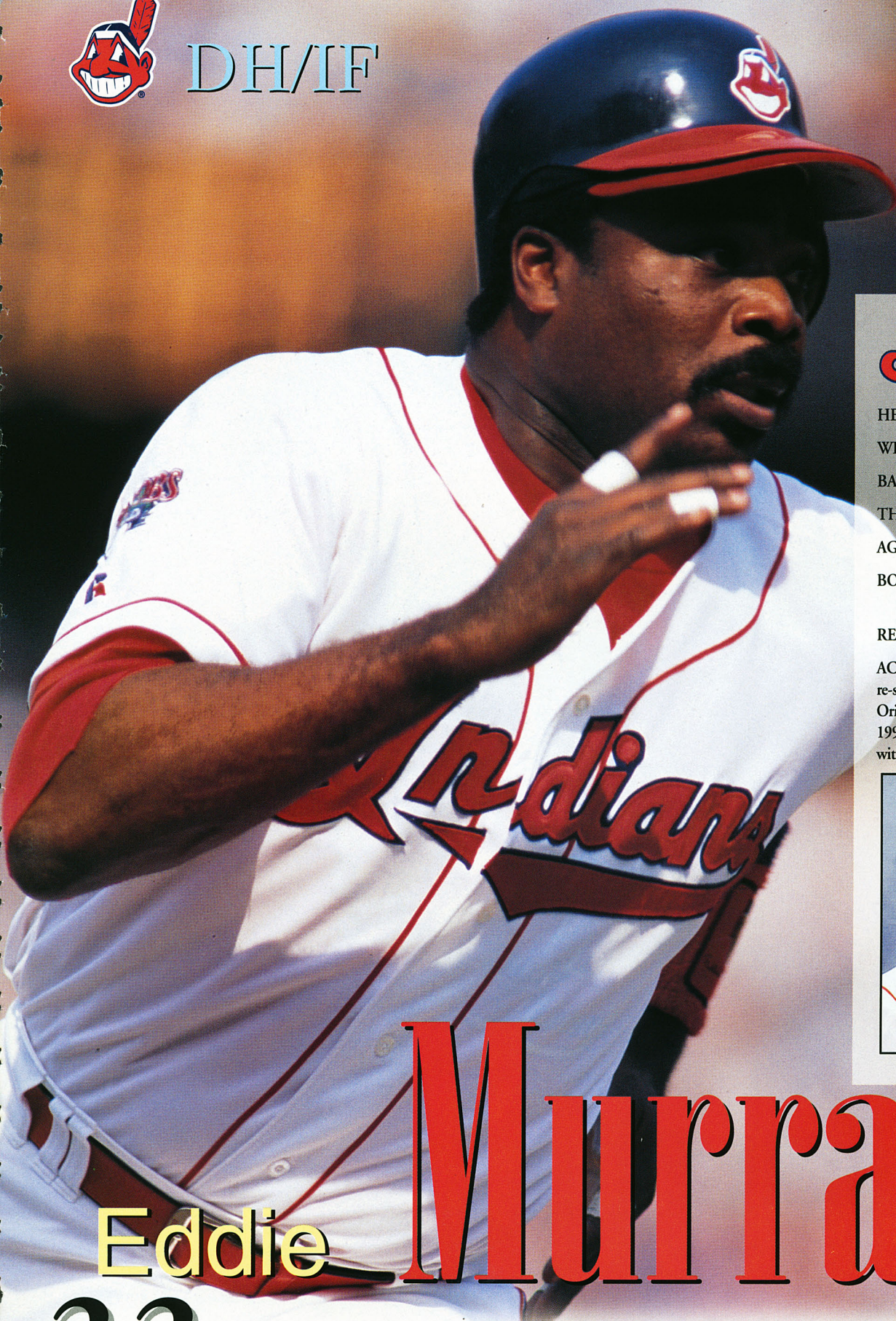
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1995 CLEVELAND	3	0	1.13	62	0	0	0	46	64.0	49	9	8	17	58
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	37	45	4.55	211	95	6	2	48	708	747	379	358	279	406

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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WEIGHT: 220

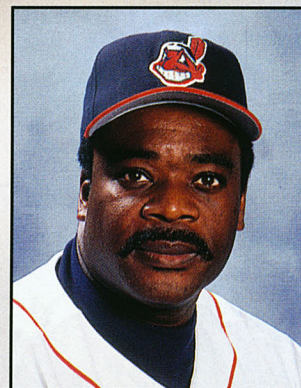
BATS: Switch

THROWS: Right

AGE: 40

BORN: February 24, 1956  
Los Angeles, CA

RESIDES: Los Angeles, CA

ACQUIRED: December 7, 1995;  
re-signed by Cleveland as a free agent...  
Originally signed on December 2,  
1993 to a one-year free agent contract  
with a club option for '95.

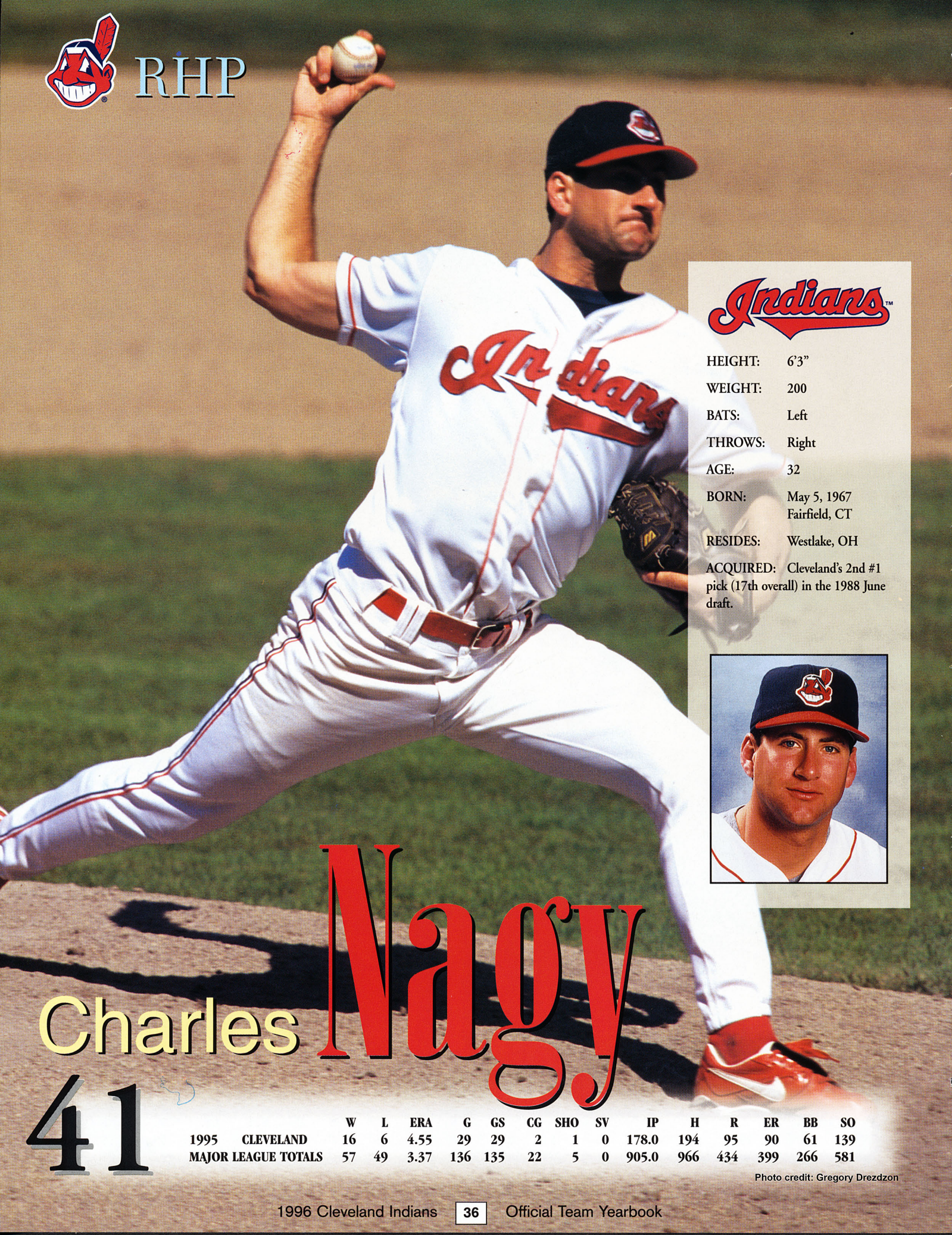
# Eddie Murray

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		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.323	113	436	68	141	21	0	21	82	39	65	5
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.290	2819	10603	1545	3071	532	34	479	1820	1257	1403	105

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdzon





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HEIGHT: 6'3"  
 WEIGHT: 200  
 BATS: Left  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 32  
 BORN: May 5, 1967  
 Fairfield, CT  
 RESIDES: Westlake, OH  
 ACQUIRED: Cleveland's 2nd #1  
 pick (17th overall) in the 1988 June  
 draft.



# Charles Nagy

## 41

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995 CLEVELAND	16	6	4.55	29	29	2	1	0	178.0	194	95	90	61	139
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	57	49	3.37	136	135	22	5	0	905.0	966	434	399	266	581

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





RHP

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WEIGHT: 200

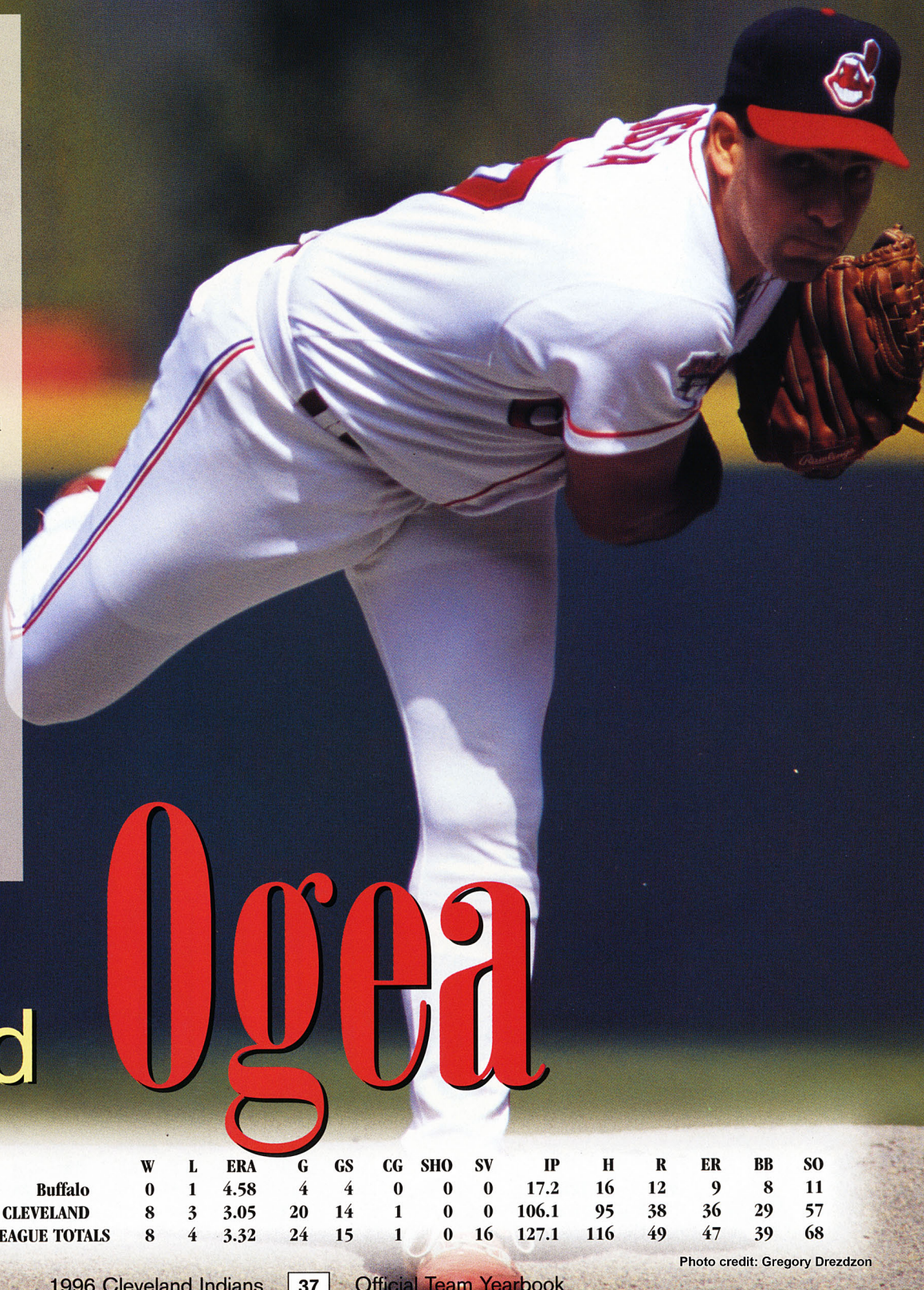
BATS: Right

THROWS: Right

AGE: 25

BORN: November 9, 1970  
Lake Charles, LA

RESIDES: Lake Charles, LA

ACQUIRED: Selected by Cleveland  
in the third round of the 1991 June  
draft.**Ogea****Chad****37**

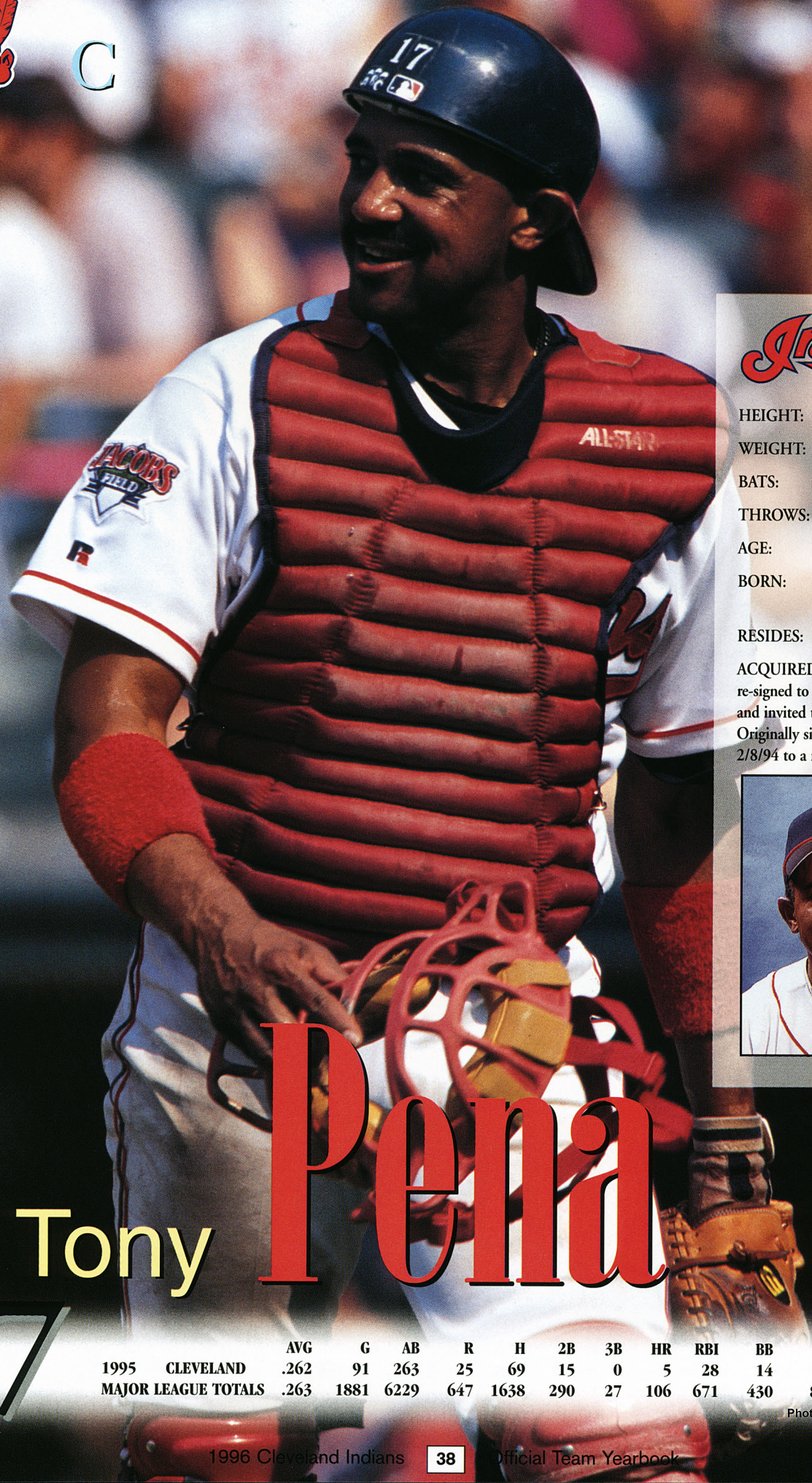
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1995	Buffalo	0	1	4.58	4	4	0	0	0	17.2	16	12	9	8	11
	CLEVELAND	8	3	3.05	20	14	1	0	0	106.1	95	38	36	29	57
	MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	8	4	3.32	24	15	1	0	16	127.1	116	49	47	39	68

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 185

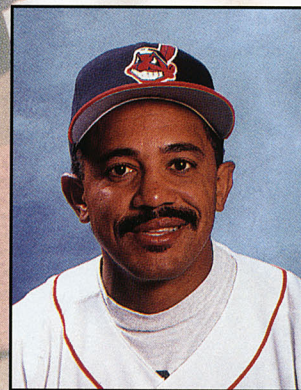
BATS: Right

THROWS: Right

AGE: 38

BORN: June 4, 1957  
Monte Cristi, DR

RESIDES: Santiago, DR

ACQUIRED: December 13, 1994;  
re-signed to a minor league contract  
and invited to spring training...  
Originally signed by Cleveland on  
2/8/94 to a minor league contract.

# Tony Pena

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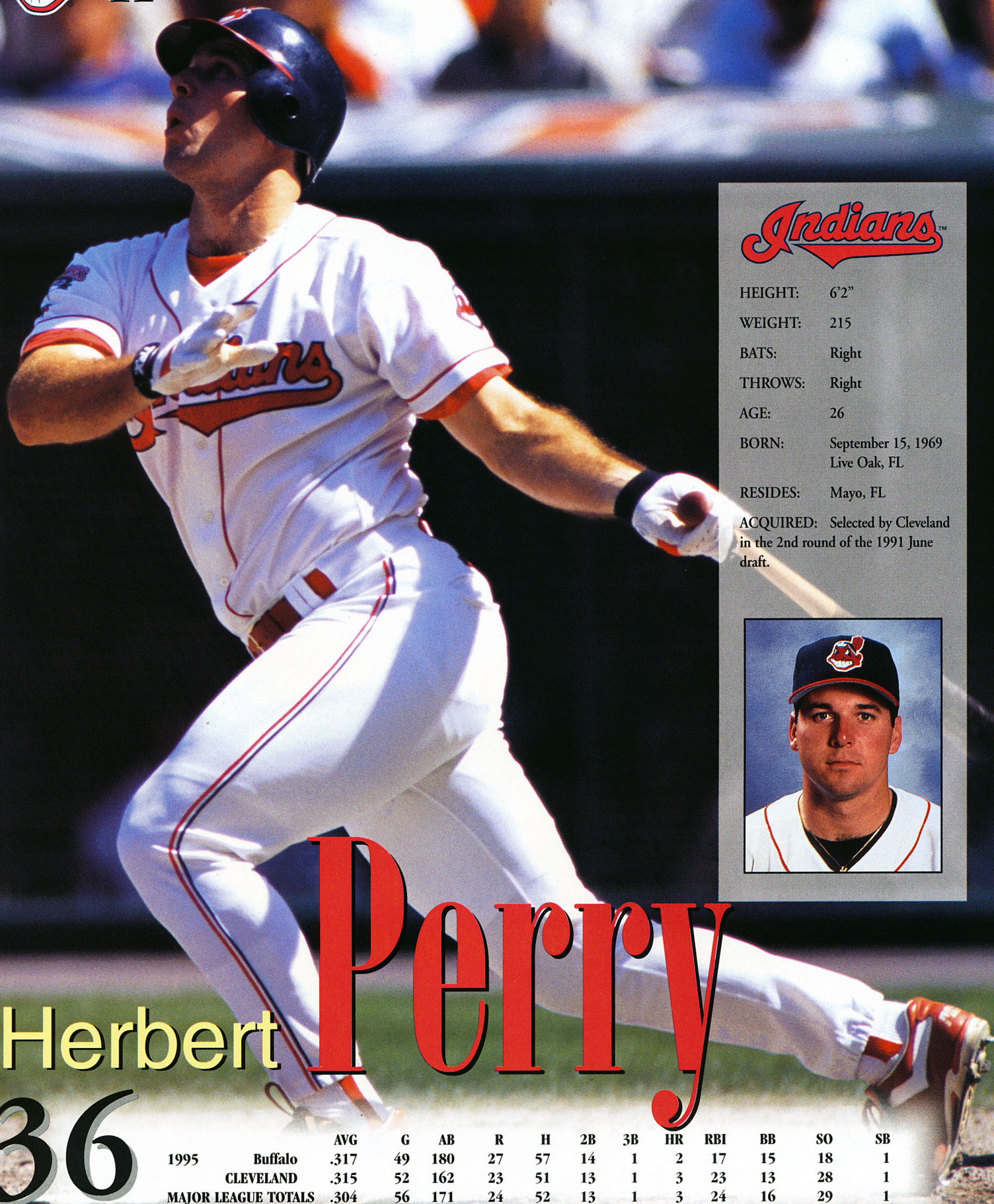
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1995 CLEVELAND	.262	91	263	25	69	15	0	5	28	14	44	1
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	.263	1881	6229	647	1638	290	27	106	671	430	805	80

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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*Indians*™

HEIGHT: 6'2"  
WEIGHT: 215  
BATS: Right  
THROWS: Right  
AGE: 26  
BORN: September 15, 1969  
Live Oak, FL  
RESIDES: Mayo, FL  
ACQUIRED: Selected by Cleveland  
in the 2nd round of the 1991 June  
draft.



# Herbert Perry

# 36

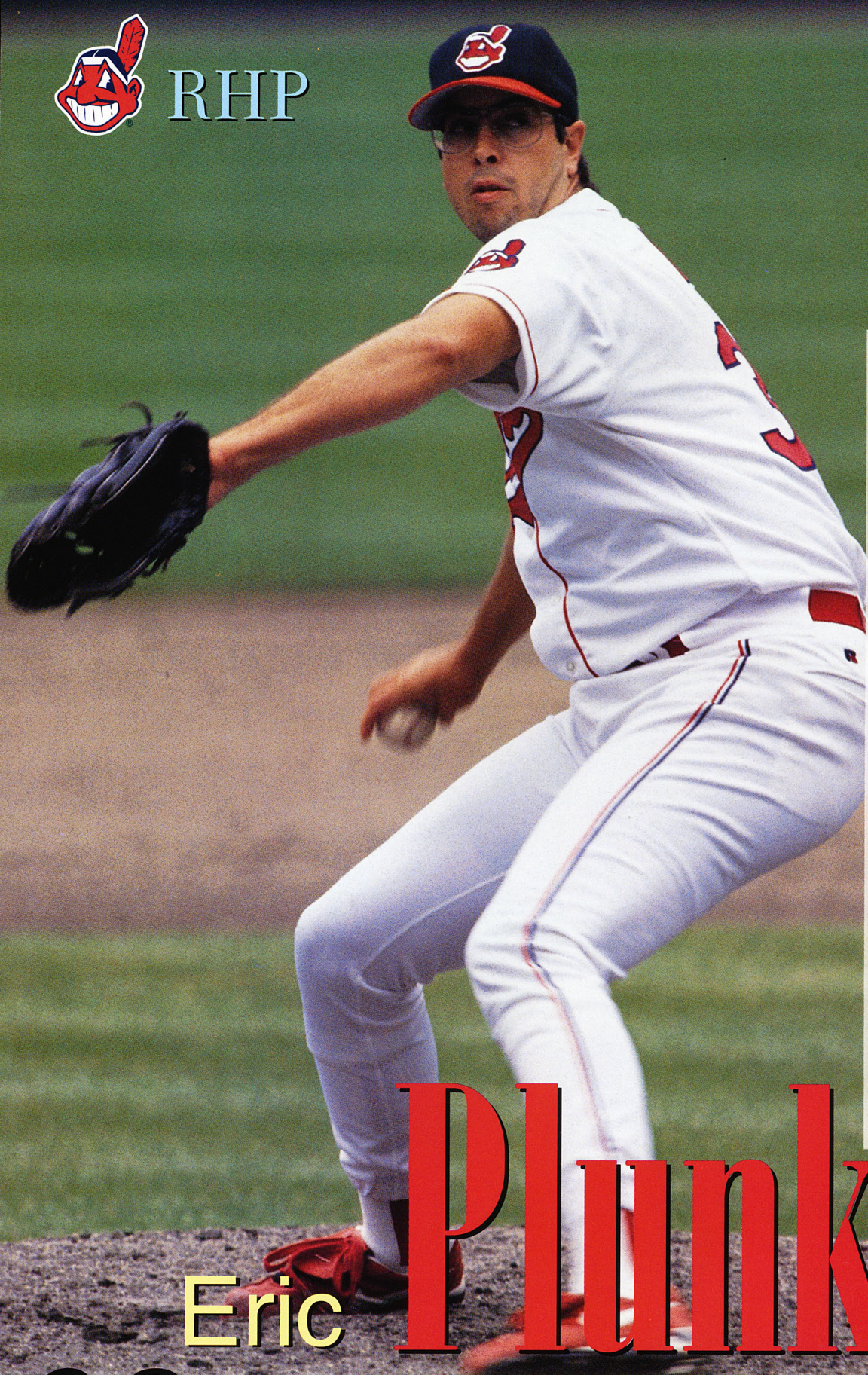
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1995	Buffalo	.317	49	180	27	57	14	1	2	17	15	18	1
	CLEVELAND	.315	52	162	23	51	13	1	3	23	13	28	1
	MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	.304	56	171	24	52	13	1	3	24	16	29	1

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





RHP



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HEIGHT: 6'6"  
 WEIGHT: 220  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 32  
 BORN: September 3, 1963  
 Wilmington, CA  
 RESIDES: Riverside, CA  
 ACQUIRED: April 9, 1992; signed  
 by Cleveland as a free agent.



Eric

Plunk

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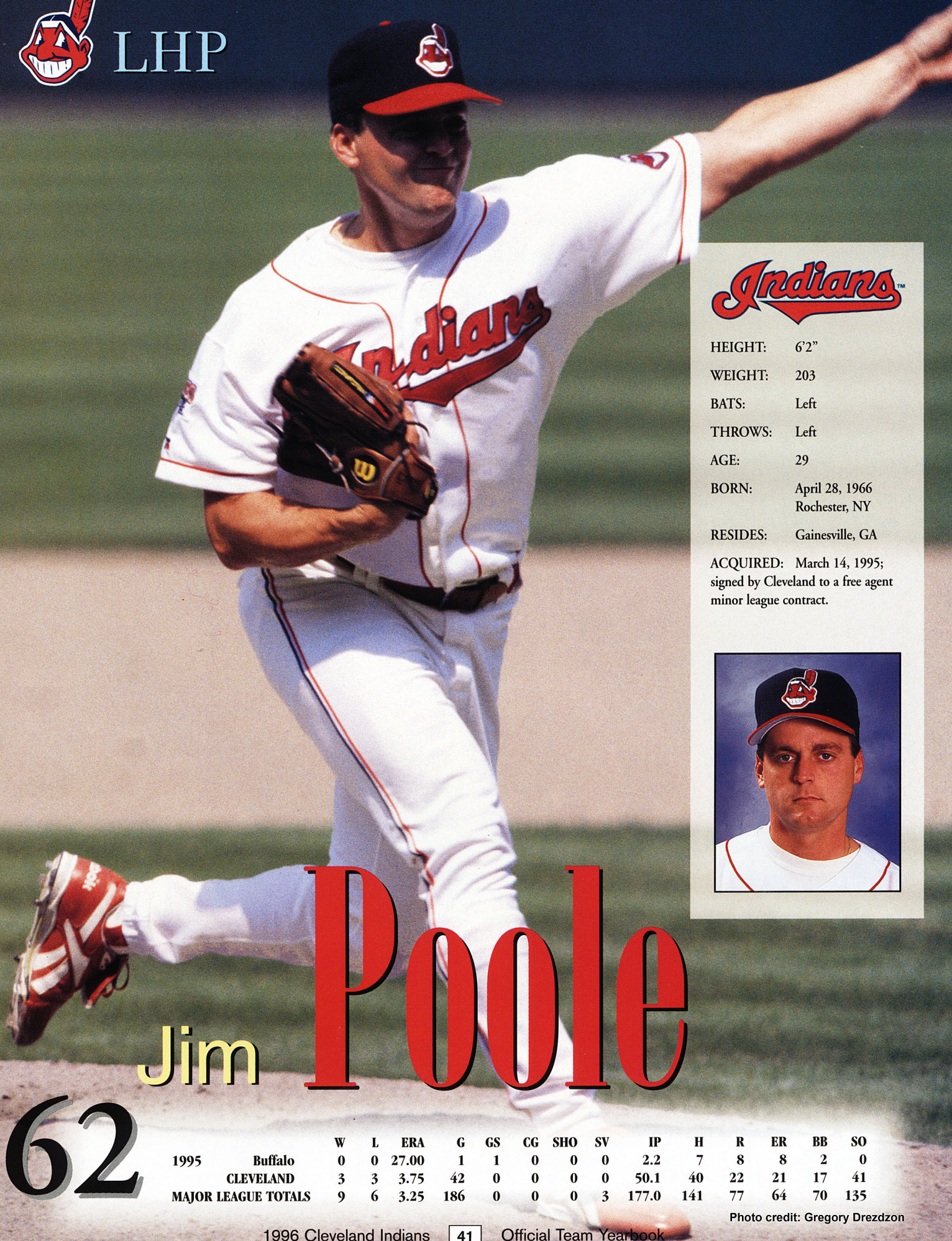
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1995 CLEVELAND	6	2	2.67	56	0	0	0	2	64.0	48	19	19	27	71
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	57	44	3.73	472	41	0	0	32	859.2	743	398	356	504	793

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





LHP

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HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 203

BATS: Left

THROWS: Left

AGE: 29

BORN: April 28, 1966  
Rochester, NY

RESIDES: Gainesville, GA

ACQUIRED: March 14, 1995;  
signed by Cleveland to a free agent  
minor league contract.

Jim

**Poole****62**

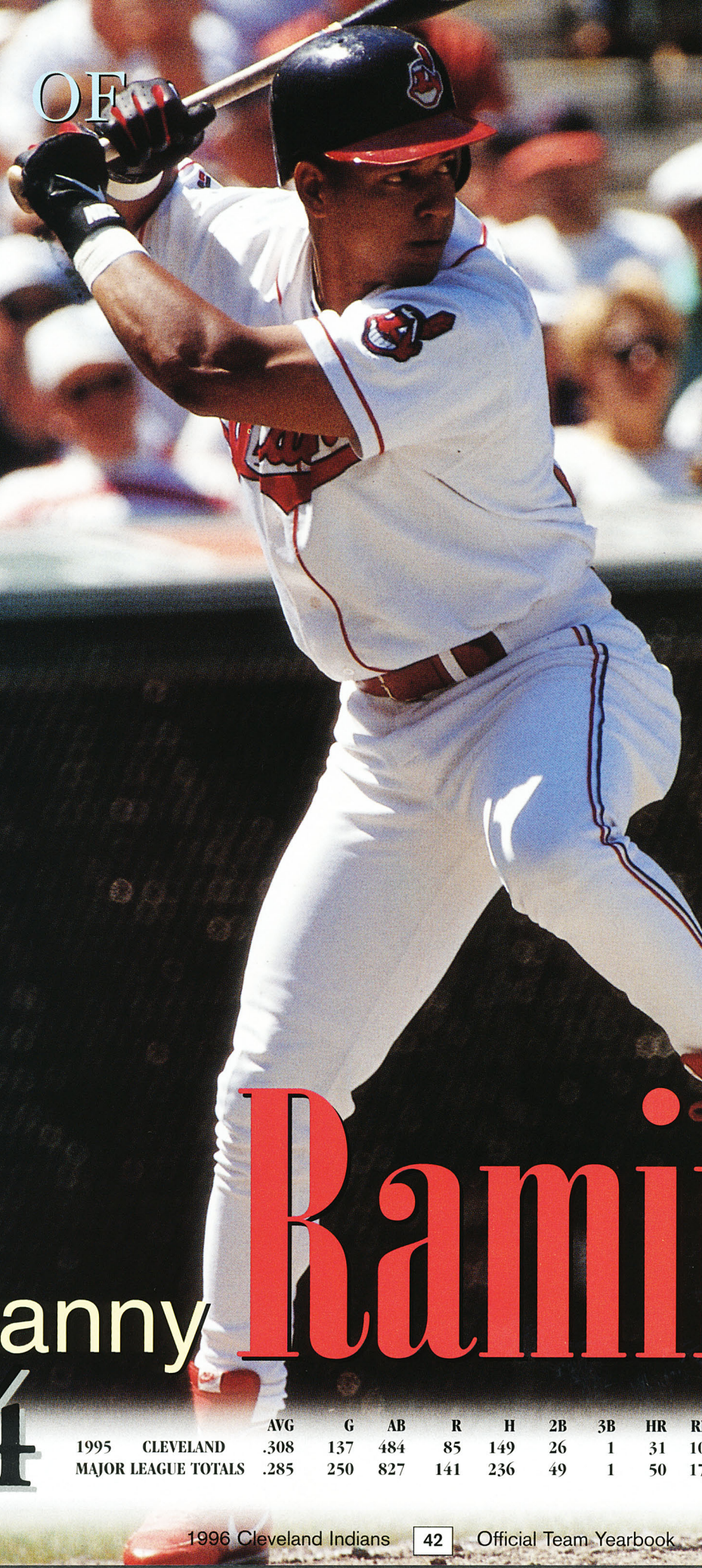
		W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	Buffalo	0	0	27.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.2	7	8	8	2	0
	CLEVELAND	3	3	3.75	42	0	0	0	0	50.1	40	22	21	17	41
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		9	6	3.25	186	0	0	0	3	177.0	141	77	64	70	135

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdzon





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HEIGHT: 6'0"  
 WEIGHT: 190  
 BATS: Right  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 23  
 BORN: May 30, 1972  
 Santo Domingo, DR  
 RESIDES: Washington Heights,  
 NY

ACQUIRED: 1st round selection  
 (13th overall pick) in the 1991 June  
 draft.



# Manny Ramirez

# 24

		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.308	137	484	85	149	26	1	31	107	75	112	6
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.285	250	827	141	236	49	1	50	172	111	188	6

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





RHP



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HEIGHT: 6'2"  
WEIGHT: 165  
BATS: Right  
THROWS: Right  
AGE: 22  
BORN: May 22, 1973  
Santiago, DR  
RESIDES: Broadview Heights,  
OH  
ACQUIRED: March 16, 1990;  
signed by the Indians as a non-drafted  
free agent.



Julian **Tavarez**

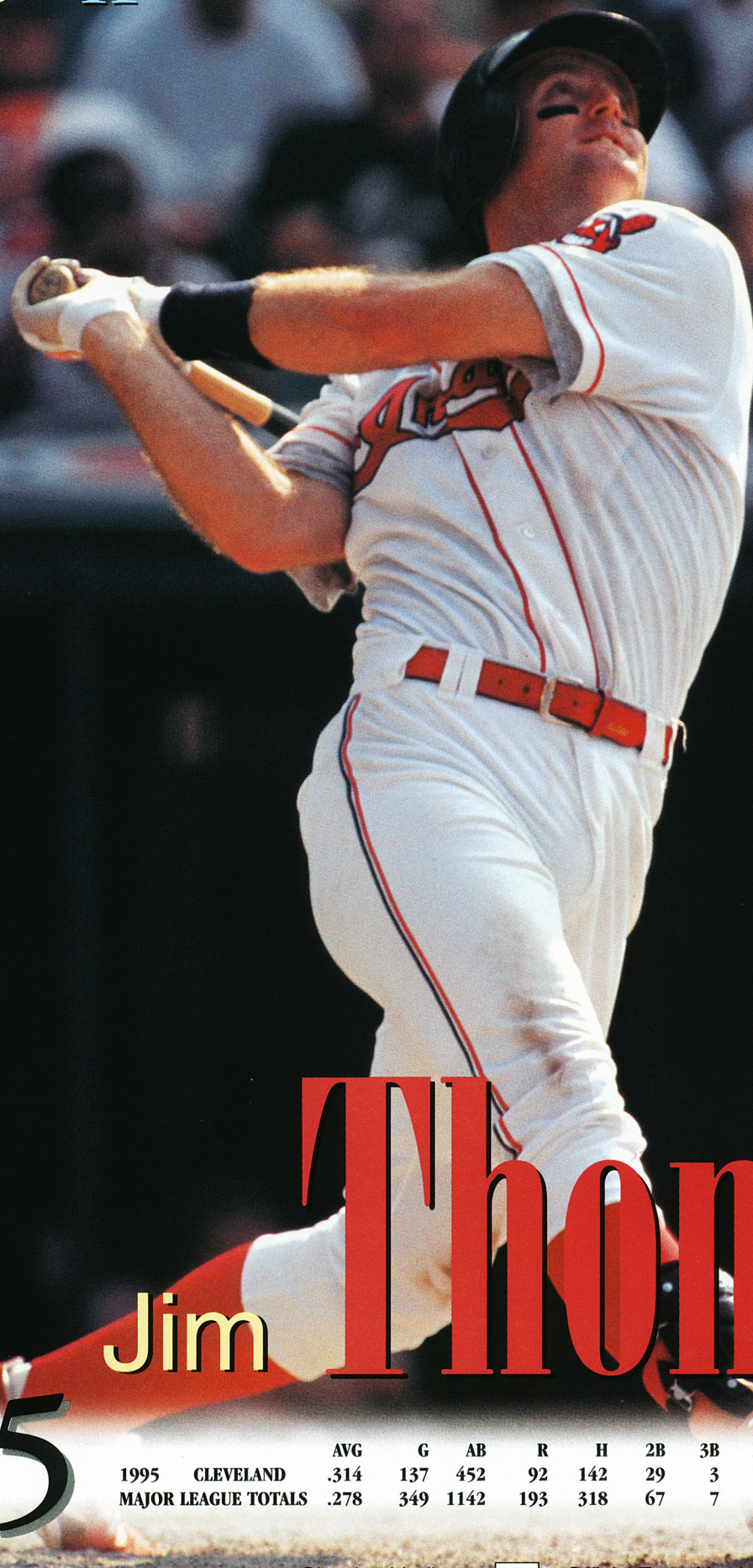
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1995	CLEVELAND	10	2	2.44	57	0	0	0	0	85.0	76	36	23	21	68
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		12	5	3.93	66	8	0	0	0	123.2	135	73	54	35	87

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdson





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HEIGHT: 6'4"

WEIGHT: 220

BATS: Left

THROWS: Right

AGE: 25

BORN: August 27, 1970  
Peoria, IL

RESIDES: Peoria, IL

ACQUIRED: Selected by Cleveland  
in the 13th round of the 1989 June  
draft.

Jim

Thome

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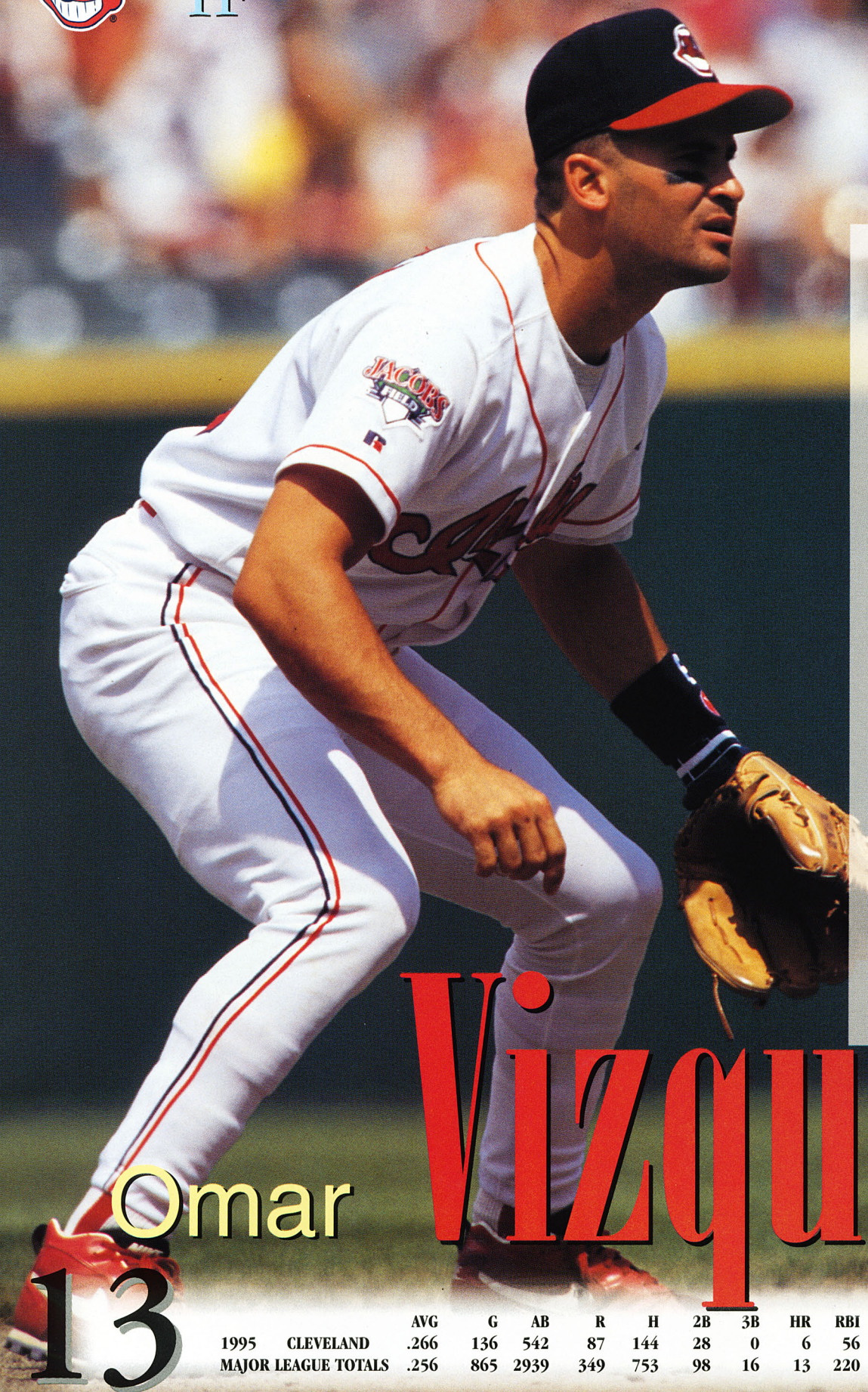
		AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	CLEVELAND	.314	137	452	92	142	29	3	25	73	97	113	4
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS		.278	349	1142	193	318	67	7	55	168	187	283	12

Photo credit: Gregory Drezdron





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HEIGHT: 5'9"  
 WEIGHT: 165  
 BATS: Switch  
 THROWS: Right  
 AGE: 28  
 BORN: April 24, 1967  
 Caracas, Venezuela  
 RESIDES: Bellvue, WA  
 ACQUIRED: December 20, 1993  
 from the Seattle Mariners in exchange  
 for Felix Fermin and Reggie Jefferson.



# Vizquel

## Omar

# 13

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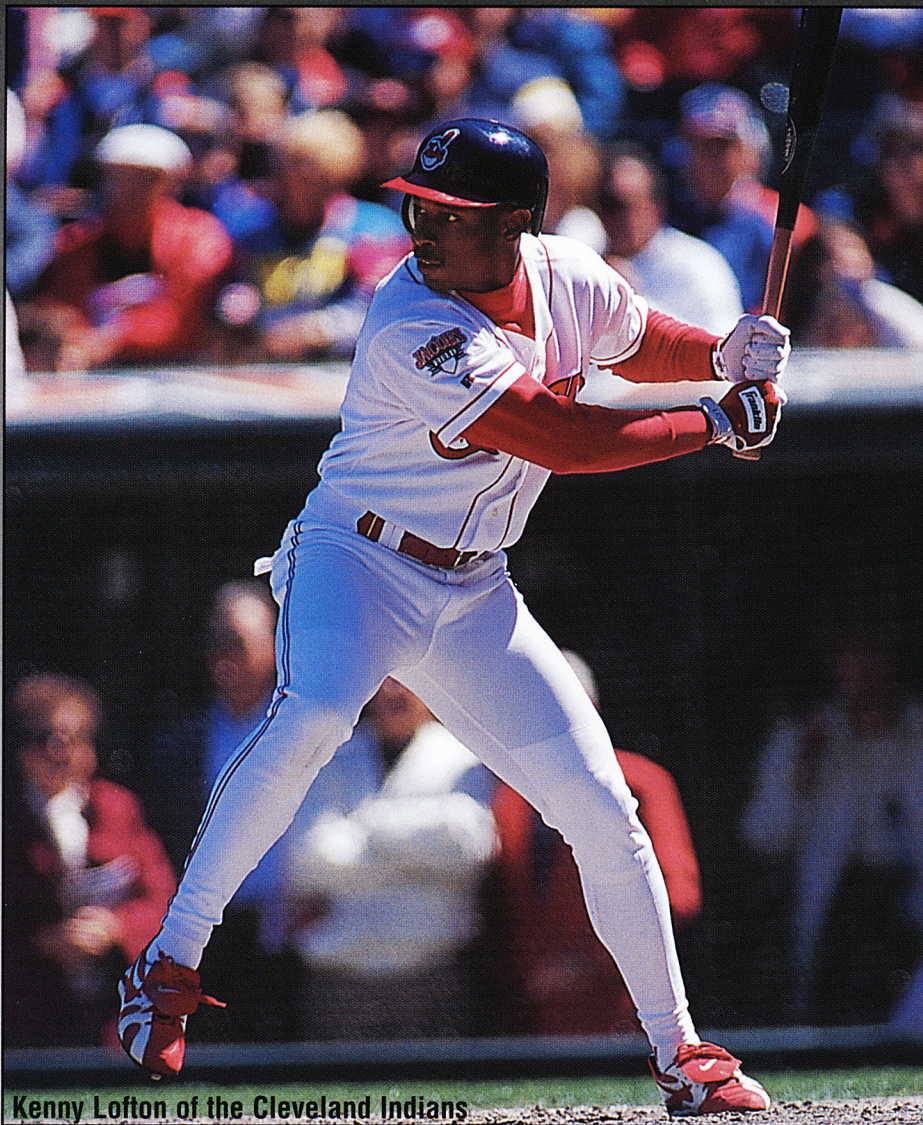
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Resides:	In an underground cave behind home plate!
Acquired:	Hatched from a giant crate shipped special delivery from the Fuchsia Islands.

# Slider

	Hot Dogs Slung	Hot Dogs Misfired	Longest Distance	Ligaments Torn	Heights Fallen
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Career	2,440	17	420 ft.	5	12 ft.

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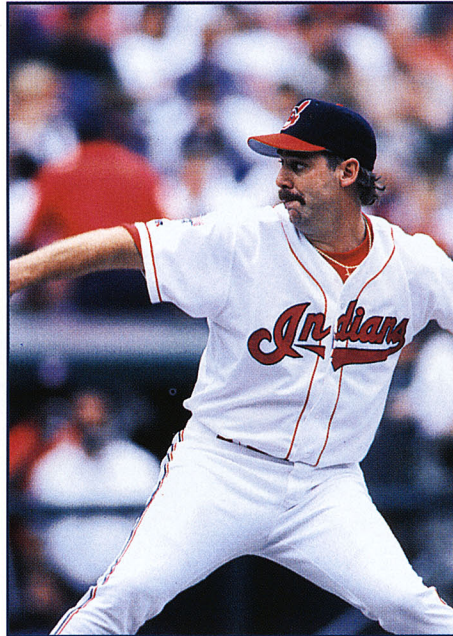


### Sandy Alomar

- ◆ Hit a career-best .300 with 10 HR and 35 RBI in 66 games.
- ◆ Enjoyed first career 2 HR game on 7/20 at Texas... Had 2nd homer game of his career on 9/26 at the Metrodome vs. Twins.
- ◆ Hit game-winning 3-run HR in 8th inning off Armando Benitez on 9/10 vs. Baltimore.
- ◆ Hit game-ending solo HR in the 11th inning vs. Detroit on 8/25... Hit .291 with MISF with 19 RBI... Hit .327 at Jacobs Field... Indians were 38-16 in his 54 starts.

### Paul Assenmacher

- ◆ Held hitters to a .225 BA... Held hitters to a .182 mark with runners on base, the 7th best mark in the AL... Held left-handed batters to a .177 BA
- ◆ 2nd in Majors in the decade with 382 appearances.
- ◆ Retired 32 of 47 first batters faced and allowed 5 of 28 inherited runners to score... His 6 relief wins were T6 in the AL.
- ◆ Indians were 33-14 in his 47 G... Had a 2.04 ERA on the road... Held batters to a .167 mark with RISP.



### Carlos Baerga

- ◆ Named to TSN AL All-Star Team.
- ◆ Finished 9th in the AL with a .314 BA... Marked 4th straight season he hit .310 or better... Finished 5th in AL with a team-high 175 hits... Finished 5th in AL with 52 multi-hit games.

- ◆ Was the 2nd hardest batter to strike out, averaging a SO every 19.4 PA... His .361BA with MISF was the 7th highest mark in the league.
- ◆ Made 3rd All-Star appearance in Arlington, TX on 7/11... Won fan balloting for 1st time, outdistancing Roberto Alomar... Went 3 for 3 with a 2B and Hits from each side of the plate.
- ◆ Recorded 6th 2-homer game of his career (7th multi-homer) vs. Boston on 5/21.
- ◆ Hit .379 with runners on base... Hit .336 with 7 HR and 48 RBI at Jacobs Field.



### Albert Belle

- ◆ Career-best and franchise-record 50 HR while appearing in 143 of 144 games... First player in ML history to collect 50 2B and 50 HR in same season.
- ◆ Selected ML Player of the Year by TSN... Named ML Player of the Year by Baseball Digest... Received 3rd straight Silver Slugger award... Selected to AP ML All-Star Team... 2nd in BBWAA MVP voting.
- ◆ Became 12th player in history to record 50 HR... Tied Babe Ruth's ML record for most HR in month of September (17)... Hit 31 HR after 8/1 — an ML record.
- ◆ Equaled ML record by hitting 5 HR in 2 days (9/18 & 19).

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- ◆ Is 5th in Club history w/194 career HR... Finished needing 32 HR to tie Earl Averill for franchise record 226 HR.
- ◆ Became 8th player in history to collect 100 or more extra base hits in a season and first since Stan Musial in 1948... His 102 extra-base hits broke Hal Trosky's club record of 96 in 1936.
- ◆ Finished tied for the AL RBI lead with Boston's Mo Vaughn with 126... Led AL in total 377 bases, 121 runs, 52 2B, .690 slg. pct., and 103 extra-base hits.
- ◆ Had 7 2 HR games... Hit 2 grand slams.
- ◆ Played in 3rd straight mid-summer classic on 7/11 in Arlington, TX... Started in left field... Elected for first time by fans... 2nd in voting to Ken Griffey, Jr.
- ◆ Hit .328 at Jacobs Field w/25 HR and 53 RBI — a career .363 hitter at new park.



## Jeromy Burnitz

- ◆ Began season at AAA Buffalo after his option out of spring training II on 4/24... Enjoyed a solid season leading the American Association in RBI with 85... Also led AA in slg. % and finished T2nd with 19 HR, and finished 4th in RS (72) and EB Hits (52)... His 223 total bases were also 2nd in the circuit.
- ◆ Hit in 18 straight games for the Bisons from 5/4 through 5/25.
- ◆ Became the 1st Bison player ever to hit 3 grand slams in a season when he clubbed #3 on 9/4 at Nashville.
- ◆ Selected to the AAA All-Star Game at Scranton-Wilkes Barre on 7/12... Made 63 starts in CF, 45 in RF, and 11 in LF... Recorded 12 outfield assists on the season.
- ◆ Recalled by the Indians on 9/15 and stayed

through seasons end... Made 1 start for Tribe at Kansas City on 9/24... Collected first AL hit (2B) on 9/17 vs. Boston... Was an alternate on Tribe's post-season roster.



## Mark Clark

- ◆ Started season out of spring training in Tribe rotation... Was optioned to AAA Buffalo on 5/26.
- ◆ At AAA, was 4-0 with a 3.57 ERA... Was recalled from Buffalo on 6/27 to take Hershisser's spot in rotation (strained back).
- ◆ First start back from AAA (on day of recall), beat the Royals 7-1 in a season-high 8 IP.
- ◆ Tossed a CG 3-hitter vs. Toronto on 8/29 at Jacobs Field... 4-1 win was his career low-hit CG.
- ◆ Was 7-5 with a 4.01 ERA in 15 starts after promotion from AAA... Worked into 6th inning in 12 of last 13 GS.

## Alan Embree

- ◆ Spent 3 stints with Tribe at ML level... Recalled from AAA on 7/13 when Grimsley was outrighted to AAA Buffalo... Earned first ML victory in first appearance on 7/14 in game one vs. Oakland... Earned 2nd win in next appearance on 7/16 in 12-inning 5-4 Tribe win... Optioned to AAA on 7/17 when Ogea was recalled.
- ◆ Recalled again from AAA on 7/22 when Lofton went on the shelf with a strained right rib cage... After 2nd appearance in late July was optioned to the AAA Bisons on 8/1 before his recall on 8/12 when Winfield went on the shelf for the 2nd time.
- ◆ Worked final 2.0 innings at Toronto for his first ML save in the 7-3 Tribe win on 8/21.
- ◆ Held hitters to a .212 BA with RISP.

- ◆ Was 0-0 with a 2.45 ERA in 6 post-season appearances... Playoff opponents went 2-12... Appeared in 4 of 6 World Series games, with a 2.70 ERA.



## Alvaro Espinoza

- ◆ Spent 3rd season as utility infielder, hitting a solid .252 in 66 games... Appeared in 2 games at 1B, 22 at 2B, 22 at 3B, and 19 at SS.
- ◆ Hit .273 with an HR and 11 RBI vs. RHP after hitting .219 off righties in '94... Was 2-3 with a 2B and 3 RBI vs. Oakland on 7/15... The 3

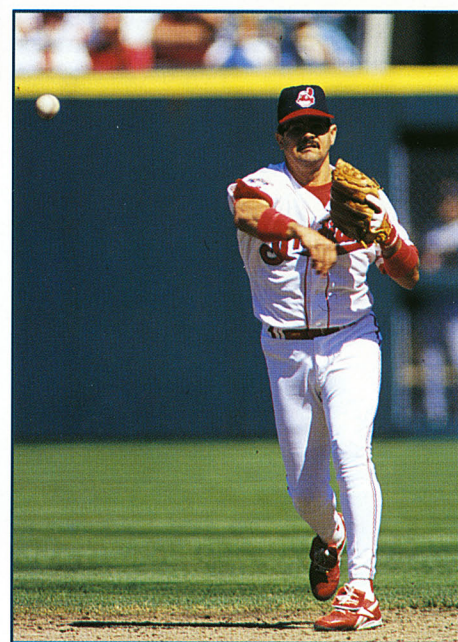


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RBI equaled a career-high... 6th career 3 RBI game came during his first start at 2B... Matched career-best with 4 hits at Detroit on 9/1... Was 4-5 with 2 RS and a 2B in the 14-4 Tribe win — his 2nd career 4-hit game.

◆ In 33 starts, he hit .269 with 2B, 2 HR, and 14 RBI — hit HR on 6/14 at Baltimore off Jamie Moyer, and on 9/28 at Minnesota off Frankie Rodriguez... Hit .349 on the road with 2 HR and 9 RBI in 28 games.



## Julio Franco

(Career Highlights)

- ◆ Spent '95 season with Chiba Lotte Marines of Japan's Pacific League and won Japan's equivalent to the Rawlings Gold Glove Award... Hit .306 with 25 2B, 3 3B, 10 HR, and 58 RBI... His last ML season came in '94 with White Sox... Established career-highs with 20 HR and 98 RBI... Made first career appearances at first base with 13... Entered season with career .301 BA in 12 ML seasons.
- ◆ Played with Texas from 1989-93... Won first career batting title in '91 with an ML-high .341 BA (highest in Texas history)... Became 3rd native of Dominican Republic to win batting crown... Acquired from Indians following the '88 season.
- ◆ Played with Cleveland 1983-88... Acquired from Phillies in December of '82 along with 4 others in exchange for Von Hayes... Hit .298 over 5 seasons w/Tribe with 45 HR and 429 RBI.
- ◆ Won 5 career Silver Slugger awards ('88-'91 & '94)... Named 2Bman on TSN All-Star Team '89-'91... Is a 3-time member of AL All-Star Team.



## Orel Hershiser

◆ Tied Charles Nagy for team lead in victories with 16... Most victories since his 23-8 Cy Young-winning season of 1988... Finished T#5 with Wakefield and Nagy for AL wins... Was 11-2 in 2nd half in 14 starts.

◆ Hurlled 6-hit CG SHO vs. Detroit on 6/5 at Jacobs Field... Struck out 10 Tigers — most punchouts since '89 in SF (4/10).

\*Was 9-2 in 12 Jacobs Field starts with a 2.67 ERA.

◆ Indians were 19-7 in his 26 starts... Worked 5.0 or more innings in 24 of 26 starts, and 6.0 or more IP in 21 of those starts.

◆ Was 4-1 with a 1.53 ERA in 5 playoff starts, equaling a post-season record... Held hitters to a .160 BA... Became all-time leader in Indians post-season history with 4 wins.

◆ Won ALCS MVP award after posting a 2-0 record with 1.29 ERA in 2 starts... Won Games 2 & 5... First player ever to win award in each league... Was 1-1 with a 2.57 ERA in World Series starts.

## Kenny Lofton

◆ Captured 3rd straight Rawlings Gold Glove Award.

◆ Led the AL in steals for 4th straight season... 2nd AL player in history and 5th overall to lead the league in steals for each of his first 4 seasons.

◆ Currently in 2nd place on Tribes all-time stolen base list with 250 steals... Trails only Terry Turner, who set the franchise mark of 254 thefts from 1904-1918.

◆ Led the AL in triples with 13.

◆ Named to 2nd straight AL All-Star Team

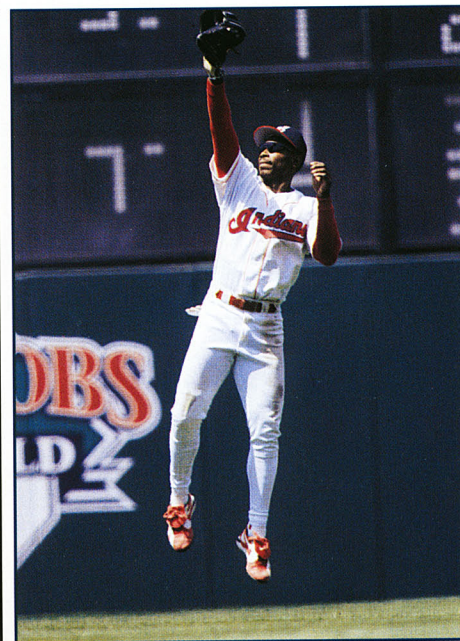


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and started center field due to broken wrist of Ken Griffey, Jr.

◆ Hit .382 with 38 RBI with RISP, 3rd highest mark in the AL... Is a career .322 hitter with MISP... Hit .362 with runners on base... Hit .319 at home.

◆ Had 2nd career 2 HR game on 6/5 vs. Detroit... Finished with 13 career 4-hit games.

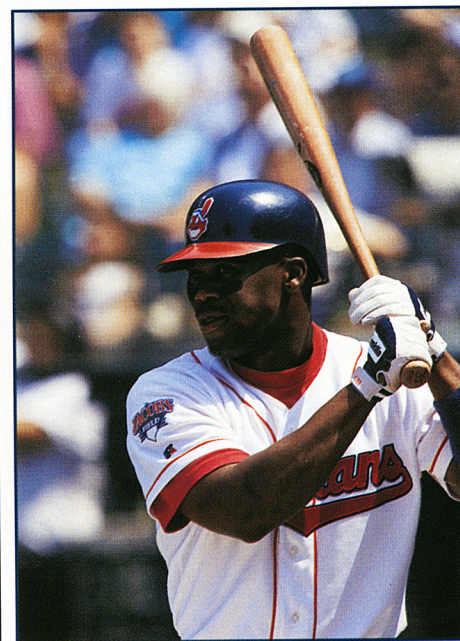


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## Wayne Kirby

◆ Spent 5th season with Indians and 13th in pro ball... Hit .318 over last month of season.

◆ Started 36 games, 22 in CF and 14 in RF... Only homer of '95 came on 6/30 at Minnesota



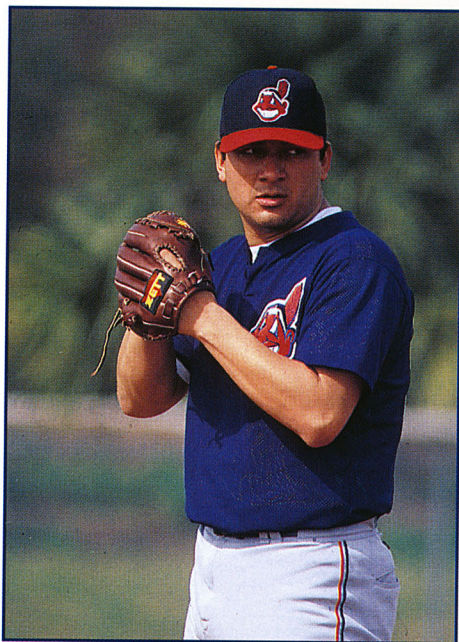


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off Mike Trombley.

- ◆ Made only 1 error in 68 games with 2 assists... His .990 fld. pct. was highest among Tribe OF's with at least 50 games played... Hit .273 with 4 2B and 2 3B with no one on... Hit .385 with an RBI while hitting in the #2 hole... Successful on 77% of stolen base attempts.
- ◆ Appeared in 11 of the Tribes' 15 post-season games... Hit .286 with 2 RS... Made 1 start in Game 4 of ALCS vs. Seattle in place of the injured Albert Belle.



## Albie Lopez

- ◆ Spent 3 stints with the Tribe... Optioned out of spring training II on April 23 to Buffalo... Won consecutive starts on 5/17 & 26... Was recalled on June 23.
- ◆ Made season ML debut on 6/24 at Chicago in relief of Bud Black in the 8-3 Tribe defeat... Was optioned to Buffalo on 6/27... In his first start back with the Bisons on 6/29 at Louisville, he struck out a club season-high 9 batters in just 5.0 IP... Recalled on 7/14... Made first ML start of the season that day Game 1 of a twilight DH vs. Oakland... Left game in the 6th with no score... Made 3 more appearances, all in relief, before being sent back to Buffalo on 7/28.
- ◆ While back with Buffalo, he tossed a CG, 3-hit SHO at Louisville on 8/29.
- ◆ Made 1 appearance in his 3rd stint, a start at Detroit on 9/3.

## Dennis Martinez

- ◆ Became 2nd winningest Latin American pitcher of all-time by posting 12 wins... Passed Luis Tiant, and is 12 wins behind Juan Marichal.
- ◆ Tribe's #1 starter finished a solid season with

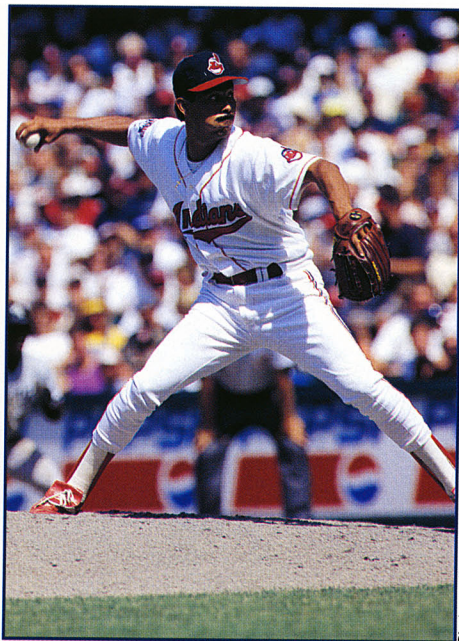


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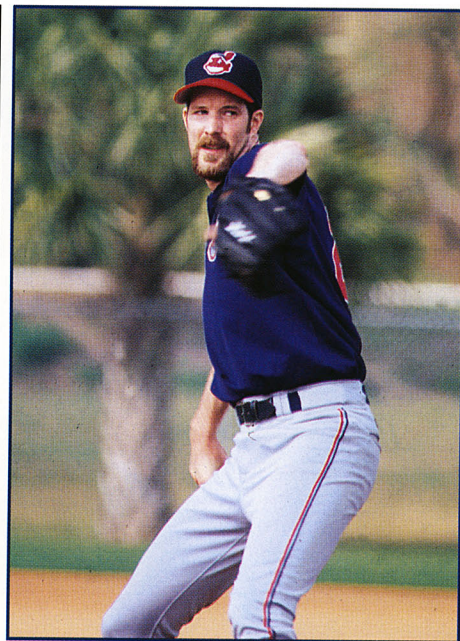
3rd best AL ERA and 3rd best road ERA (2.70).

- ◆ Active leader among ML pitchers with 231 wins, 3748.0 IP, and 528 starts... Is the only pitcher in MLB to record 10 or more victories in each of the last 9 seasons... Has won 10+ games from 1987-'95.
- ◆ Had a personal 10-game winning streak from 8/6/94 through 7/21/95 — 2nd longest of his career... Lost his first game of the season on 7/26 at California after starting 9-0.
- ◆ Tossed 27th career SHO and 118th career CG in the 3-0 SHO of the Blue Jays on 6/3 in Cleveland... Tribes first CG and SHO of the season... Found out that day his son, Dennis, Jr., had been drafted by the Tribe in the 42nd round of the '95 draft... Hurlled 28th career SHO 10 days later vs. Baltimore.
- ◆ Named to 4th career All-Star Game... 1st ASG appearance as w/AL... Appeared w/Montreal Expos from 1990-'92.
- ◆ Was 1-2 with a 2.73 ERA in 5 playoff starts... Picked up 1st career post-season win in clinching Game 6 victory at Seattle in ALCS.

## Jack McDowell

(Career Highlights)

- ◆ Spent his first season with Yankees in '95 after beginning his career with White Sox (1987-'94)... Was 15-10 for with a 3.93 ERA... Led AL with 8 CG.
- ◆ Owns most wins of any AL pitcher in the 1990's with 98... Finished season behind Atlanta's Greg Maddux (105), and Tom Glavine (102)... Owns a career record 106-68 w/a 3.56 ERA in 221 career starts and 57 CG.
- ◆ Won 1993 Cy Young Award after compiling a league-best 22-10 mark with White Sox w/a



3.37 ERA for the AL West Champs... Won 20 games for White Sox in 1992... Led AL in GS in 1992 and '94, and led the circuit in CG in 1991 and '92... Is a 3-time AL All-Star.

- ◆ Was 5th overall pick in 1987 June amateur draft out of Stanford University by the White Sox... Led the Cardinal to the '87 National Championship w/a 13-5 record, including a win in the championship game vs. Oklahoma.

## Jose Mesa

- ◆ Assumed closer role in spring training and never looked back... Recorded an ML-high 46 saves in 48 chances... Set franchise record for



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saves in a single season, breaking Doug Jones' record of 43 in 1990.

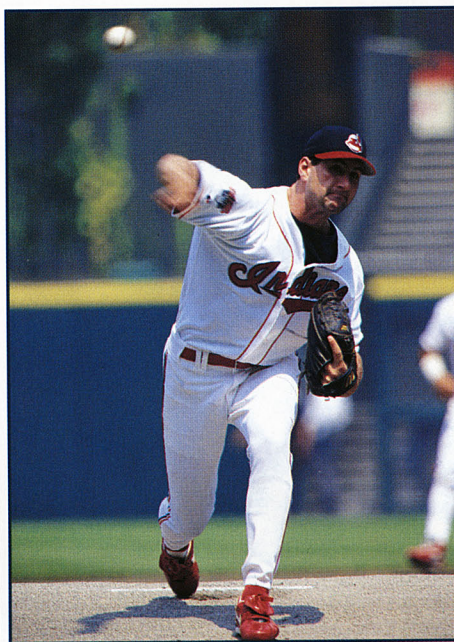
- ◆ Rolands AL Reliever of the Year, TSN AL Fireman of the Year, Man of the Year by Cleveland BBWAA... Named relief pitcher on AP ML All-Star Team... Was 2nd in 1995 BBWAA Cy Young award voting... Was 4th in MVP voting.
- ◆ His 46 saves were more than any other ML team.
- ◆ His 1.13 ERA was lowest reliever ERA in MLB and lowest ever by an Indians pitcher with more than 60.0 IP.
- ◆ Named to first All-Star team at any professional level.
- ◆ Broke Dennis Eckersley's 1992 ML record with saves in each of his first 38 save opportunities.
- ◆ Saved both ends of doubleheaders on 2 different occasions — 7/14 vs. Oakland and 8/10 vs. New York.
- ◆ Hurlled exactly 1.0 inning in 52 of 62 appearances — Club was 60-2 in his 62 appearances.
- ◆ Held hitters to a .122 BA with RISP, the lowest mark in the league.
- ◆ Was 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA in 8 post-season outings... Was 2-2 in save situations... Picked up win in Game 3 of World Series.



## Eddie Murray

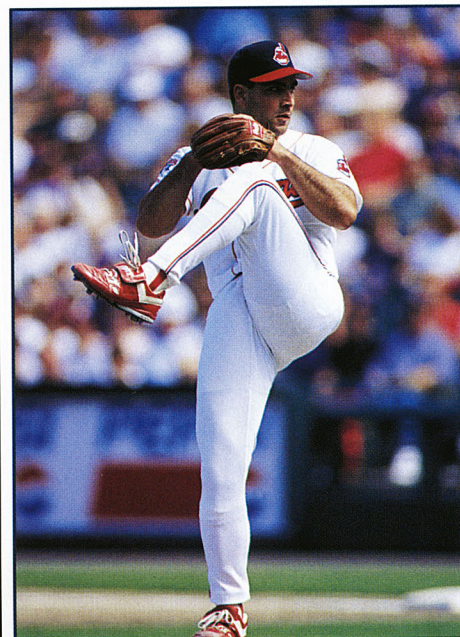
- ◆ Drove in at least 75 runs for 19th consecutive season, equaling Hank Aaron's ML record for most consecutive 75+ RBI seasons.
- ◆ Became 20th member of 3,000 hit club on 6/30 at the Metrodome vs. Twins... Collected the hit in 6th inning off Mike Trombley becoming 2nd switch hitter to join the club (Pete Rose), and first Indians player since Tris Speaker did it on 5/27/25.

- ◆ Finished season in 15th place on baseball's all-time hit list with 3,071... Trailing Dave Winfield by 39 hits... Needed 21 HR to become 15th member of 500 HR club... Had 1,820 career RBI, good for 13th place on all-time list.
- ◆ Hit .351 with RISP, 7th highest mark in AL... Hit .340 off RHP, highest in AL... Finished 5th in AL with a team-high .323 BA, 2nd highest total of his career (.330 in 1990).
- ◆ Drove in season-high 5 runs and recorded 26th career 2 HR game on 5/7 vs. Minnesota... Hit .348 at home with 11 HR and 47 RBI... Hit .359 with runners on.
- ◆ Is baseball's all-time leader among 1Bmen in games played (2412) and assists (1864).
- ◆ Drove in game-winning run in Game 3 of the World Series in 11th inning to give Tribe 1st World Series victory since 1948.



## Charles Nagy

- ◆ Tied Orel Hershiser for team lead w/16 wins (T5th in AL)... Highest total since his 17-10 campaign in '92... Finished 6th in Cy Young voting with 1 3rd place vote... From 6/23 through season's end was 12-3 w/a 4.78 ERA.
- ◆ Tossed a CG, 3-hit SHO vs. New York on 9/13... First CG, SHO since his 1-hitter at Baltimore on 8/8/92.
- ◆ Struck out a career-best 12 on 8/26 vs. Detroit at Jacobs Field, recording his 11th victory in the 6-2 win.
- ◆ Won career-high 6 consecutive decisions between 6/28 and 8/4.
- ◆ Indians were 22-7 in his 29 starts.
- ◆ Was 1-0 with a 2.86 ERA in 3 post-season starts... Picked up a win in Game 3 of Division Series at Boston.



## Chad Ogea

- ◆ Proved to be very valuable in several roles... Started season at ML level as the long man, entered rotation for 2 months, then became spot starter/long reliever... Was 0-0 with a 1.24 ERA out of the pen... As a starter, he was 3-3 w/a 3.88 ERA.
- ◆ Tossed first career CG on 7/6 vs. Seattle, a career-best 3-hitter... Earned first ML victory in his first start w/a 7-4 win at Milwaukee.
- ◆ Made the longest relief outing of season at Baltimore on 8/15 w/7.1 innings.
- ◆ Began season at AAA Buffalo after his option... Recalled from AAA on 5/5... Made 1 appearance and was optioned to AAA on 5/14... Recalled for 2nd time on 5/26... Tossed 6.2 innings in relief on 6/4 vs. Toronto and earned spot in rotation.
- ◆ Optioned to AAA on 7/7 to make 1 start over All-Star break after his 3-hitter vs. Seattle... Opened 2nd half as 5th starter following his recall on 7/17.
- ◆ Was 5-1 w/a 2.23 ERA in 12 G at Jacobs Field... Held hitters to a .199 BA w/runners on, and .169 w/MISP.

## Tony Pena

- ◆ Spent 2nd season as backup backstop... Indians were 57-23 when he started... Collected a season-high 4 hits and matched his career-high on 9/18 at Chicago w/a 4-4, HR, 4 RBI performance... Was his 8th career 4-hit game and 1st since 4/27/90 vs. Oakland... Hit .308 w/2 HR and 17 RBI after Alomar's activation from DL on 6/29.

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- ◆ Starting backstop for Dennis Martinez' first 24 starts.
- ◆ Hit .286 with a 2B, HR, and RBI in the playoffs in 8 games... The solo HR was a 2-out game-winner in the 13th off Boston's Zane Smith in Game 1 of Division Series breaking a 4-4 tie... Notched Tribe's only hit in Game 6 of World Series, a single off Atlanta's Tom Glavine in 6th.

.317 with 14 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, and 17 RBI in 49 games w/ Buffalo... Recalled from AAA on 7/12 when Winfield was placed on DL... Spent remainder of season at ML level.

- ◆ Hit 1st ML HR off Andy Pettitte on 6/17 vs. NY at Jacobs Field... Hit 2nd HR in his next at-bat off Pettitte.
- ◆ Went 4 for 5 with 4 RBI and a 2B in the 14-5 Cleveland win at Texas... 4 hits and 4 RBI were career-highs... Scored career-high 3 runs on 8/10 at New York.
- ◆ Hit .322 in 40 starts at first base with 3 HR and 21 RBI... Did not commit an error in 45 games... Hit .344 off left-handed pitching... 3rd HR came off Kenny Rogers on 7/3 vs. Texas... Hit .356 at Jacobs Field with 3 HR and 9 RBI... Hit .326 with MISP.



## Eric Plunk

- ◆ His 6 relief wins were T6th in the AL... Allowed a run in only 11 of 56 appearances.
- ◆ Allowed only 6 of 25 inherited runners to score... Held right-handed hitters to a .193 BA... Retired 40 of 56 first batters faced... 1st batters hit .163 off him.
- ◆ Earned first save of the season on 6/1 vs. Chicago... Was 1-0 with a 0.54 ERA in July, notching his 2nd save on 7/15 vs. Oakland... Was 1-1 with an 8.49 ERA in August.
- ◆ His .211 average against was the lowest among AL relievers... Finished 7th in the AL with a 2.67 relief ERA... Had a 2.67 ERA at home and on the road... Held hitters to a .200 BA with runners on.

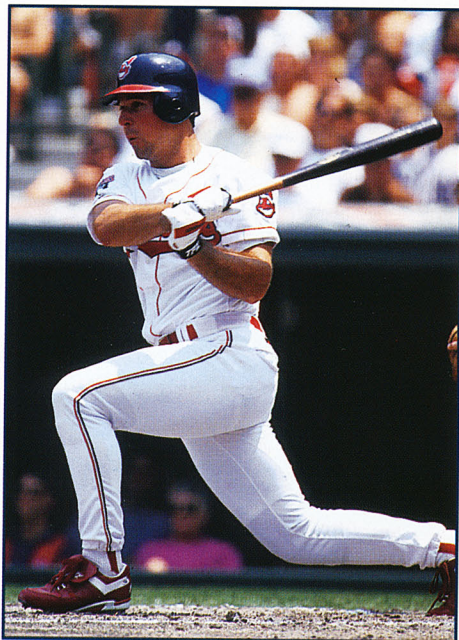


## Jim Poole

- ◆ Began the season at AAA Buffalo... Became spring invitee at the conclusion of the work stoppage... Held hitters to a .217 BA... Lefthanders hit just .211 off him... In his career, they own a .205 BA.
- ◆ Held hitters to a .156 BA with RISP — 7th best mark among AL relievers in '95... Held hitters to a .048 with MISP and 2 outs... Allowed only 4 of 27 inherited runners to score... Retired 32 of 42 of his first batters faced, hitting .083 against him.
- ◆ Was 1-1 with a 1.65 ERA at Jacobs Field... Was the winning pitcher in the Tribe's 17-inning victory over Minnesota in Cleveland on 5/7.
- ◆ Was 0-1 with a 3.60 ERA in 4 post-season appearances.

## Manny Ramirez

- ◆ Won first career Silver Slugger award and was a member of TSN All-Star Team after hitting .308 with 26 2B, 1 3B, 31 HR, and 107 RBI... Became 25th player in ML history to collect 30+ HR and 100+ RBI in a season at the age of 23 or younger — 2nd Indians player to accomplish the feat in franchise history.
- ◆ He and Albert Belle comprised the top home run hitting duo in Indians history... Their 81 combined HR surpassed the previous record held by Larry Doby and Al Rosen's total of 72 in 1953.
- ◆ Finished T7th in the AL with a career-high 107 RBI... Selected as a reserve on '95 AL All-Star team — his 1st mid-summer classic appearance.



## Herbert Perry

- ◆ Hit a respectable .315 in his rookie campaign... Began season at AAA Buffalo after his option out of spring training on 4/22... Hit

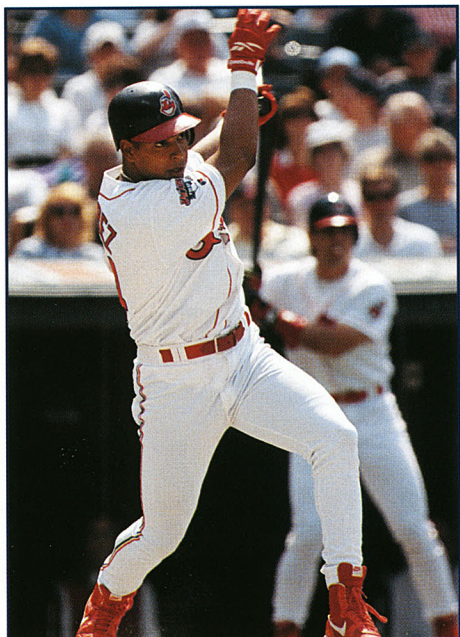
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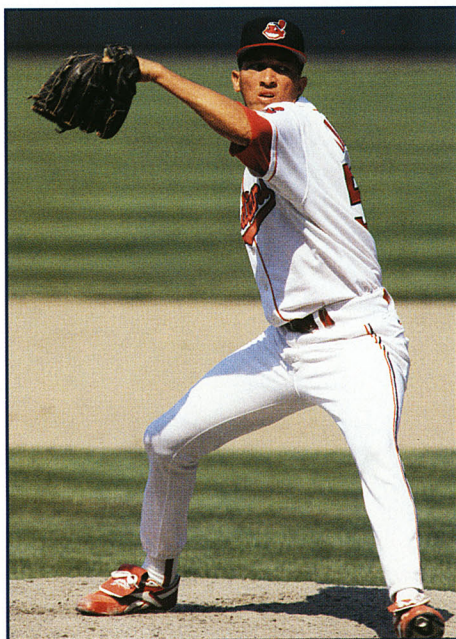


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- ◆ Had 2 game-ending HR... A 10th inning HR off Ken Ryan vs. Boston on 6/19 and a 12th-inning HR off Dennis Eckersley vs. Oakland on 7/16.
- ◆ Hit .341 with 60 RBI with RISP... Hit first career grand slam on 8/4 vs. Chicago off Jason Bere... Collected career-high 4 hits on Opening Day at Texas on 4/27.



## Julian Tavarez

- ◆ Enjoyed a banner rookie campaign, posting an AL relief-high 10 wins — most ever by an Indians rookie reliever... Named the AL Rookie Pitcher of the Year by *TSN*... Named to *Baseball Digest* All-Rookie team as relief pitcher... Finished 7th in BBWAA Rookie of the

Year voting.

- ◆ Held hitters to a .235 BA... Righties hit just .206 against him, lefties hit .266... Indians were 43-14 in his 57 appearances... His 85.0 relief IP was T3rd in the AL... His 2.44 ERA was the 5th lowest among AL relievers.
- ◆ Finished 3rd in the AL with 19 holds... Was 6-1 at Jacobs Field with a 1.72 ERA.
- ◆ Allowed only 7 of 35 inherited runners to score... Retired 36 of 57 of his 1st batters faced... Did not have an ERA above 2.79 in any month except September.
- ◆ Mike Hargrove's "go to" guy in the postseason, appearing in 12 of the Tribe's 15 playoff games. Was 0-1 with a 2.61 ERA in his 12 outings



## Jim Thome

- ◆ Established career-highs in almost every offensive category including HR (25), Hits (142), RBI (73), BA (.314), and Runs (92)... His 25 HR were the 2nd most among AL 3Bmen... Named to *TSN* AL All-Star Team at 3B.
- ◆ Finished T9th in AL w/Carlos Baerga w/a .314 BA... Finished 5th in AL w/ 97 walks... Most walks by an Indians player since manager Mike Hargrove drew 101 free passes in 1982... Finished 3rd in circuit w/a .438 on-base %.
- ◆ Hit .275 with 3 HR and 13 RBI off left-handed pitching after hitting .167 with 2 HR and 9 RBI in 1994.
- ◆ Hit game-ending HR on 6/7 in 10th inning of a 3-2 win over Detroit... Hit 2 3B at Chicago on 9/18... Entered game with 5 career 3B.
- ◆ Hit 2-run 6th inning HR in Game 5 of ALCS vs. Seattle to give Tribe a 3-2 lead and eventual win.



## Omar Vizquel

- ◆ Won 3rd consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove Award... First AL shortstop to win 3 in a row since Tony Fernandez won 4 straight w/Toronto from 1986-'89... First Indians SS ever to win the gold glove.
- ◆ Collected career-highs in Runs (87), Hits (144), HR (6), Stolen Bases (29), RBI (56), and Walks (59).
- ◆ Finished 3rd among AL SS w/a .986 fielding %... Had 47-game errorless streak from 6/12 through 8/4.
- ◆ Finished T5th in AL with sac hits (10), and 5th in sac flies (10) — led the team in both categories... Was 2nd hardest player in AL to double up, hitting into just 4 GIDP.
- ◆ Signed to a 6-year contract w/a club option on December 12 for the 2002 season.



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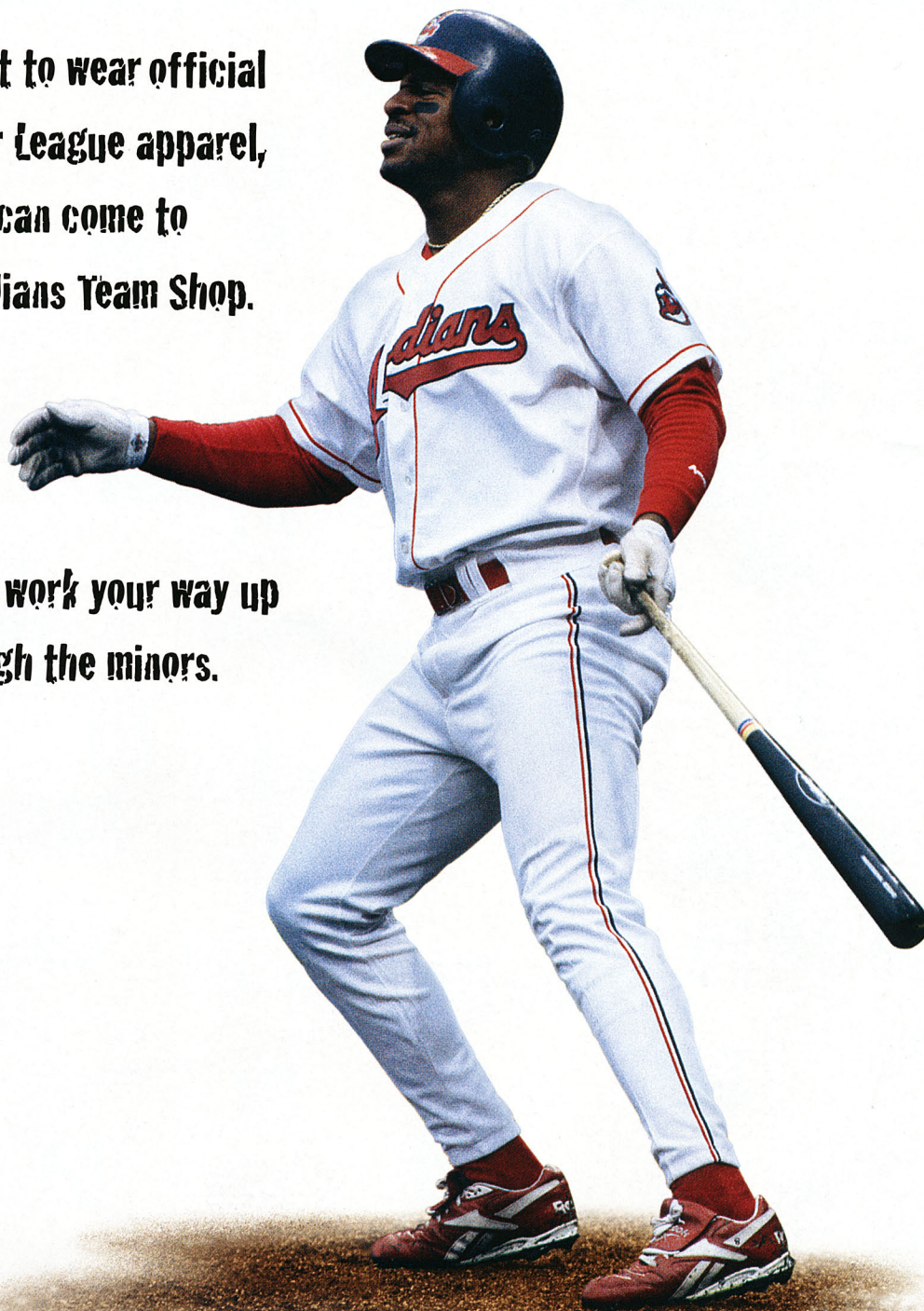


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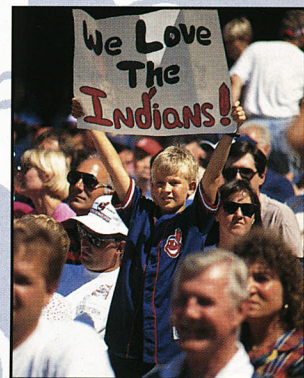
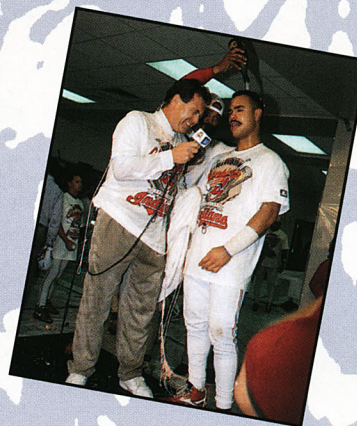
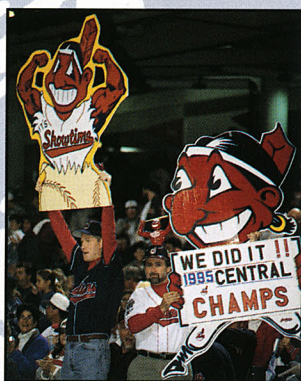
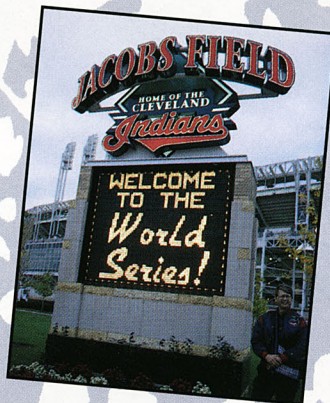
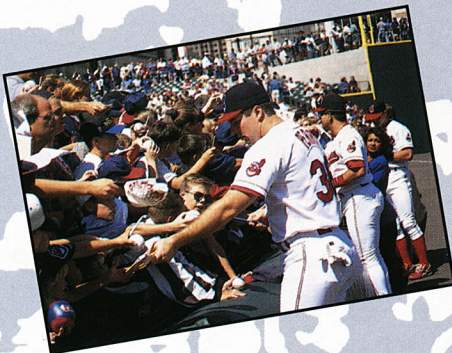


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